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Minutes of the Utilities Committee Meeting held August 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Wasilk, Mr. Janik, Mr. Van Treuren, Mr. Gambish, Mr. Traster, Mr. Loughrie - absent, Mr. Bukovac. Also present were Council President Dietrich, Mayor Taylor, Treasurer Hullman, Auditor Kukucka, Safety/Service Director Clotz, Law Director Pecora, and a member of the press. Mr. Traster motioned to excuse Mr. Loughrie as he had a letter on file. Seconded by Mr. Janik. Vote 6-0 to excuse.

A-10-37 Approval of Efficiency Smart Power Plant Schedule

Review of options:

*Take no action - \$100,000 per year for three years (a total of \$300,000) will go to other cities and their energy conservation programs. Not one cent will return to Amherst or its residents. We will have no control over the money.

*Opt in as full participants. The city will be required to pay an additional amount above the \$100,000. The best estimates of this amount is about \$50,000 per year. It could be more or less. If we choose to be a full participant, the entire amount will be reinvested into subsidizing the purchase of energy efficient appliances and equipment for residents and businesses within the City of Amherst. The company that will administer this program for AMP-Ohio will use Ohio residents to maintain this program.

*Partial participation would make us eligible only for big commercial or municipal projects. Individual residents would not be eligible for any rebate or incentive programs.

We must also make a decision as to how we will accept billing for this program. We have three choices:

*We can make payments on a six-year plan. This involves paying interest. Our rate consultant, John Courtney, recommends that we not choose his option because it is not favorable to City finances.

*We can make payments on a three-year plan. again, this involves paying interest. Our rate consultant, John Courtney, does not recommend this plan either.

*The third plan is to pay each invoice as we receive it. Mr. Courtney says this is the most favorable financial plan.

Chair Wasilk motioned to take this to the floor of Council.
Seconded by Mr. Janik. Vote 6-0 to take to the floor of Council.

Mr. Traster motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Janik. Vote 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P. M.

Jennifer Wasilk, Chairman
Utilities Committee