

**MINUTES  
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
AUGUST 5, 2013**

A General Committee meeting was held on Monday, August 5, 2013 in the Bowling Green City Hall Council Chambers. Chairman Kenda Flynn called the meeting to order. In attendance were Alderman Kay Reading, Alderman Ed Lawson, and Alderman Mark Bair. Alderman Mike Pugh was absent. Also, in attendance were Mayor Jim Moore, City Administrator Dan Lang and City Clerk Barb Allison. A quorum was present and due notice posted.

**Reports**

Alliance Water Resources-Written report submitted.  
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement-Written report submitted.  
Chief of Police-Written report submitted.  
Fire Chief Don Nacke-Written report submitted.  
City Administrator Dan Lang-Written report submitted.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

1. Discussion on Request from Second Baptist Church to Close off Street for "5<sup>th</sup> Quarter" Event. Alderman Bair made motion to take to full Board to approve. Second by Alderman Reading. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**Miscellaneous and Visitors**

Jim Grimes of G & M Industries (laundry and car wash) addressed the Committee regarding water rates. Mr. Grimes felt the City needed to lower the rates as his businesses paid out approximately \$5,000 (combined) in the last two months. He felt Bowling Green rates should be more in line with Troy and Hannibal. He stated there should more discussion on the rates. Mr. Grimes said he had conversations with other citizens and felt he could get a petition to have the State do an audit. He realizes it would cost the City money to be audited, but felt the City should be more open. He was concerned about those on a low or fixed income. City Administrator Dan Lang replied he understood Mr. Grimes' concern; the City is audited every year by an independent firm and the water rates are reviewed each year; the City does not make money on water and sewer. The customer is billed what it costs the City to make and maintain the systems. Mr. Lang also mentioned the annual audit is posted on the website and anyone can stop by City Hall to look at it. Mr. Lang invited Mr. Grimes to contact him on Tuesday to set up a meeting to discuss the water and sewer rates.

**Adjourn**

Alderman Reading made motion to adjourn. Second by Alderman Lawson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CITY OF BOWLING GREEN

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kenda Flynn-Chairman

Attest

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Barb Allison, City Clerk