WATER BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Water Board was called to order on March 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Chris Hepler. All were present, except Mr. Craze and Mrs. Holland, who had excused absences.

Motion by Stinnett and second by Cox to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. All voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER TREECE:

A. C.R. Barger and Sons is working diligently to complete to complete the Water Line Loss Grant Project. Weather and business considerations permitting, the project should be completed within the next several weeks. The yards that have been disturbed from the work will be repaired, weather and business conditions permitting, within the next several weeks.

B. The new Well-head Protection Plan required by the State has been completed, and the Town has received an approval letter from the State. Copies have been provided to all required State offices, the Water Department Office, the Water Plant, and the City Manager Office.

C. The van purchased for the Water Department work crew is almost ready to be placed in service. Timmy Tuggle did an excellent paint job making the van look like new. Jeff and Darrell located and purchased metal shelves in Town for $200.00 (new costs approximately $900.00 to $1,000.00) that will work perfectly in the van. The employees are looking for a pipe rack for the top of the van.

D. The Water Department workers are continuing to repair all water leaks found and reported within the City and are continuing to assist C.R. Barger and Sons, Inc. with water line location and other required information until the Water Loss Grant Project is completed.

E. The City Manager expressed the condolences of the Town and its employees and citizens to Rusty and Lexi Phillips for the passing of Lexi's mother. She passed away unexpectedly late Thursday evening. Services were held on Sunday with the interment on Monday afternoon.

F. TDEC Inspector John West conducted a surprise visit last Friday, and Mrs. Treece was not present. However, she has spoken with Mr. West and he advises that the Town will receive the letter within the next two weeks which will place the Town on an agreed order as to the Sewer Plant. Mr. West advises that our repairs are to be done as quickly as possible. This involves the repair list already discussed over the past year with the Water Board and is now requiring a new sludge press and enclosure. The current sludge press is not adequate for sludge removal needs in that the drying beds are not beneficial during the winter months and the current sludge press does not handle the load the plant is currently processing. The building containing the sludge press does not meet safety ventilation requirements. This information is from John West, Judy Housley of TML, and John Burris of GRW. Engineer Burris advises that he is going to obtain quotes for an adequate sized sludge press, the cost for the required electrical modifications, and the cost for a metal structure for enclosure or retrofit to house the sludge press. Mr. West understands the issues that the Water Department is having but these issues are directly related to the faulty equipment that is in operation at the plant. Time is of the essence on the required repairs.

G. SRF has been notified by Evan Sanders of our need for funding for the above referenced projects and the Town's grant people have asked for priority funding to assist the Town in this renovation. The current interest rate for a 20 year note is 0.833. This is approximately 3.0 percent lower than the rate quoted by TML. Mrs. Treece will advise when she has the final written proposal of the terms, specifications, and costs estimates of

the new sludge press from Engineer Burris. Mr. Sanders, if necessary, will amend the letter to SRF if appropriate.

H. Overflows within the sewer system over the past several weeks have been caused by increased rain flow, back up from grease clogs in residential areas, and the disposal of non-biodegradable items into the system. The I & I Crew has been working diligently to deal with these problems. Mrs. Treece reminds all citizens that it is a team effort that the citizens cannot carelessly dispose of grease clogs and non-biodegradable items into the sewer system without costly repercussions that can impact both the Town's sewer system and the plumbing system of the several residences.

I. Mrs. Treece thanked Bradley and Rusty for working last weekend to repair a water leak at the ball field restrooms. Mrs. Treece also thanked Parks Director Eddie Kelly for completing the repairs to old water lines that had cracked over the winter.

J. Bradley Alcorn of the I & I Crew advises that the push camera is not functioning. A service technician has been contacted and has advised that the main board has malfunctioned. Due to the age of the system, it is not an option to repair the system. Tracer has provided a quotation for a replacement and the best cost is $7,298.00 with no shipping costs. This price includes a $1,000.00 trade in allowance. Other quotations for similar systems have also been received and will be presented at the appropriate time. Bradley will be at the meeting Thursday to discuss the details.

COMMENTS FROM WATER BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Cox asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the delay in the finishing of the waterline on Tri County Boulevard in front of the Pizza Hut was due to excessive rock, an error in measurement, and inclement weather. C.R. Barger and Sons is somewhat behind schedule and the estimated completion time is now four weeks, plus additional time for reclamation work.

Mr. Shillings asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the Planning Commission (and the Health Department) had approved the septic tank and drain fill system for the Coal Creek Campground Office, and several opined that Town Council approval was not necessary, as it had been already approved by the Planning Commission. Several others had doubt. Regardless, the permit has been issued and the work has begun. After additional discussion, motion by Walker and second by Cox and Stinnett to approve the installation of the septic tank and drain fill system at the Coal Creek Campground Office. All voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, and upon recommendation by City Manager Treece, motion by Walker and second by Shillings to purchase the low bid for one VC-5-C200A-D34N control module 200 feet 60 meter reel and D34C camera at a price of $8,292.00, with a credit of $1,000.00 for the trade in of the old system, for a net price of $7,292.00; provided that freight and shipping is free. All voted aye.

After discussion, motion by Walker and second by Shillings to authorize the Water Department to charge a meter report fee of $25.00 for the first month, and then $10.00 for the next two months, and $5.00 for each month thereafter up to a maximum of six months. All voted aye.

With no further business to come before the Water Board, upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Van Hook
Water Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Chris Hepler
Water Board Chairman

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