WATER BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Water Board was called to order on May 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Chris Hepler. All were present except Gary Stinnett, who had an excused absence.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER TREECE:

A. C.R. Barger & Sons is completing the repairs, weather permitting, to the yards of citizens that were disturbed during the water loss grant work, and the reclamation should be completed within the next few weeks.

B. The Water Crew, assisted by the Sewer Crew, is continuing to repair water leaks.

C. Mr. Blue Brummitt has requested a quote from American Development Corporation to correct chlorination and de-chlorination system at the water plant. The initial cost to the water department would be two thousand three hundred and fifty nine dollars ($2,359.00) with recurring costs for bleach and captor approximately every other month. Although the same system is used at the sewer plant, the water plant does not require as much chemicals as the sewer plant. High chemical usage at the sewer plant is due to high solids, which will be resolved after the repairs to the sewer plant are completed.

Mrs. Treece requested that Mr. Brummitt review with the Water Board the issue of the chlorination and de-chlorination systems in the water plant and sewer plant. After extensive discussion, motion by Walker and second by Shillings to accept the proposal from American Development Corporation to install pumps and provide the first set of chemicals for the water plant and the sewer plant for $2,359.00. All voted aye.

D. Mr. John West with TDEC advised that the sewer plant letter is now in the hands of TDEC's legal counsel and will be sent to the Town soon.

E. The sewer plant return pumps are problematic arising out of the work load the sewer plant is facing, as modernization has not been completed.

F. Mrs. Treece thanked the sewer department for assisting with the Pine Street Alley work, which is now about 95% complete. As soon as the first load of gravel has settled, a smaller second load will be used to finish the work. The surface water runoff was corrected with the installation of a catch basin and a small four inch block divider to divert the rain water from the porch area.

G. Due to the nine foot depth (making it unsafe to dig and repair), the sewer line on Hen Valley Road was lined in order to repair the crack. The liner system should last a good number of years. At the first of the month a CUB power failure at the lift station on Johnson Road caused an overflow onto David Chambley's property. CUB was contacted and it made repairs. TDEC inspector John West advised that the Town should include hardwired electrical generators at each lift station. This information has been passed along to GRW Engineering in order that this can be included in the plans and specifications.

H. GRW Engineers are still working on the engineering report as to the sewer plant and it will be presented as soon as it is complete.

COMMENTS FROM WATER BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Walker asked and Mrs. Treece advised that regarding the damage to the waterlines by the Clinton Utility Board, the Town and CUB have a gentlemen's agreement that if CUB damages our property, we will fix it at our costs, and if we damage the property of CUB, CUB will fix the damage at their costs.

Mr. Walker opened discussion as to the loss of three phase power at the pump station resulting from the inability of CUB to maintain electrical service as a result of a severe rain storm. During the extensive discussion, it was determined that the breakers on the control panel, at the loss of one of the phases, cut the pumps off where the pumps would not be damaged from operating on less than three phases.

Mr. Cox and others had extensive discussion as to the repairs of the sewer line and the malfunctions of the pumps.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that there was not necessarily an expensive "new radio" for the recently acquired and fully equipped van, but rather the van has an expensive power inverter where the electrical equipment could run from the van.

Mr. Holland asked and discussion followed as to whether or not the Town will have to supply electrical generators at the several pump stations at the requirement of TDEC in order to keep electrical power on each pumping station in the event of a failure by CUB to supply power. Mr. Walker suggested that if the Town is required to have these emergency backup generators, that if at all possible, the generators would be powered with natural gas.

Mr. Shillings asked if it would be possible to have TDEC inspector John West attend a Water Board meeting in order to have his discussion and input as to the various required sewer plant improvements.

COMMENTS FROM WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS:

Mr. Danna Russell of 154 Phillips Frills Lane, Clinton, Tennessee 37716 advised that he had a water leak, and as the water leak covered two billing cycles, his water bill was close to five hundred dollars ($500.00). Normally without a leak it averaged forty dollars ($40.00) per month. Mr. Russell requested that the water board adjust these two bills to forty dollars ($40.00) per month. Water Department employee Susan Martin calculated that the allowable adjustment was two hundred ninety eight dollars and eighty-eight cents ($298.88). City Recorder Van Hook advised that under the financing rules and regulations, the water board was limited as to the amount of water and sewer adjustments that could be made. Mr. Russell indicated that because of financial and employment complications, he could not pay much more than forty dollars per month. Mr. Cox and others suggested that he add ten dollars per month to the water bill, and pay the two hundred ninety eight dollars and eighty-eight cents ($298.88) over the next thirty months. Mr. Russell said that he was in such a severe economic problem; he could necessarily afford to add ten dollars per month to his water bill. Recorder Van Hook suggested that churches or other organizations may be able to assist him with the payment of utility bills, and he said he had already received assistance from ADFAC and probably was not eligible. Mr. Cox requested that Mr. Russell be allowed to pay his average bill of forty dollars this month and this be discussed at the next meeting. After further discussion, motion by Cox and second by Shillings to authorize Danna Russell for this month to pay his average bill or approximately forty dollars, and adjust the water bill to a total amount owed of two hundred ninety eight dollars and eighty-eight cents ($298.88), and that if Mr. Russell has not paid the two hundred ninety eight dollars and eighty-eight cents ($298.88) in full by the next water board meeting, that he be authorized to pay ten dollars a month for approximately thirty months, with the ten dollars a month to be added to his monthly bill, in order to pay this bill in full. All voted aye.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

With no further business to come before the Water Board, upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Van Hook
Water Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Chris Hepler
Water Board Chairman

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