

## WATER BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Water Board was called to order by Chairman Chris Hepler on June 6, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. All were present.

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

### COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

- A. The results of the conference with Joyce Welbern of the State of Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury Division of Water and Waste Water Financing Board were as follows:
  - i. The Water Department returned check fee of Thirty-Three Dollars (\$33.00) must be lowered to Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per returned check as this is the fee set by State Law.
  - ii. The Water and Waste Water Finance Board, after reviewing the last fiscal year audit report, is requesting a water and sewer rate increase of not less than fifteen percent (15%). This does not include any costs for increasing staff size, equipment purchases, or capital improvements. The Town has to notify the Board no later than June 25, 2013, as to the response and decision of the Town.
- B. Regarding health care, the rates from Blue Cross Blue Shield are higher than the projected rates for Humana. A quote from United Health Care is to be received. When this information is available, a final breakdown and report will be provided.
- C. The Water Board (Town Council) needs to notify the Roane County Election Commission as to the vote on the fluoride issue on the next election. The letter will need to be signed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The City Manager offered to write the letter or in the alternative, do the Mayor and Town Council want the City Recorder to draft this letter?
- D. The Sewer Plant mixed liquor tests have dropped fifteen hundred and eighty points (which is good) since the last inspection in April 2013, as a result of the improvement of the dewatering box, drying beds, and press.
- E. The next scheduled Water Board meeting is on the July 4, 2013, holiday, and the Water Board needs to consider rescheduling.
- F. The Staff has been working with GRW and Community Development regarding the possibility of adding the Foxwood area and the Duke Circle area as to the relocation of water lines and associated repairs to the driveways and culverts, arising out of the water loss grant repairs.
- G. The Sewer Department has added thirty Green Acres Trailer Park customers as of this date. The Scada system has been installed and the Water Department is waiting on logins and passwords to connect to the system.

### COMMENTS FROM WATER BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Stinnett asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the Joel Road waterline leak in front of Eddie King's house is on the work order.

Mr. Walker suggested that as to any future Water Plant and Sewer Plant improvements, that a more modern male-female electrical connection be implemented where it would be easier and safer to disconnect and reconnect a large electric motor.

Mr. Brummett advised that the Cumberland Utility District is laying a new six-inch waterline up Highway 61 into the greater Oliver Springs area (ending at about the C & C Concrete Plant area) that will be within two-tenths of a mile of the end of the Oliver Springs main waterline on Highway 61. If the Town will divide the cost of the installation, then Cumberland Utility District will install and extend the water line wherein the Town's water system will be connected to the water system of Cumberland Utility District. In this fashion, the Town can purchase water not only from the Cumberland Utility District but also from the Anderson County Utility District. Informally the Water Board expressed approval of this concept. At the proper time in the future, this will be brought back before the Water Board for a vote.

**COMMENTS FROM WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS:**

Mr. Jimmy Giles, on behalf of his neighbor Mr. Donald Smuton, requested a water bill adjustment as Mr. Smuton is an elderly customer, who is in and out of nursing homes and hospitals due to his age and health, and who experienced a three hundred eighty two dollar (\$382.00) water bill due to an extensive water leak. Mr. Giles re-plumbed the trailer and installed a new waterline from the meter to the house. Mr. Giles suspected that the water leak arose when the Water Department employees connected several waterlines together. After extensive discussion, and upon recommendation by the Water Board Chairman, motion by Cox and second by Brummett to make an adjustment to reduce the water bill to the out of City minimum rates and waive the thirty five dollar (\$35.00) reconnect fee. This passed 5-0-1, Mr. Craze abstaining.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

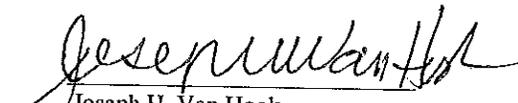
**NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion by Walker and second by Brummett to pass ordinance number 2013-06-06, the Water and Sewer Department budget amendments. All voted aye.

Motion by Walker and second by Stinnett to reduce the returned check fee from thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) to thirty dollars (\$30.00) to comply with State law. All voted aye.

With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was, upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously passed, adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph H. Van Hook  
Water Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Chris Hepler  
Water Board Chairman

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