WATER BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Water Board was called to order on October 3, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Chris Hepler. All were present except James Brummett, who had an excused absence.

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

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER TREECE:

A. The CDBG water loss grant has begun and is currently on schedule. A letter has been prepared that will be posted on the residences and buildings to notify the individuals of the work that will be done in their area prior to the onset of the work. Any questions will be directed to City Manager Treece or other staff.

B. The Water Department is currently working on cut offs and normal repair of leaks.

C. Water Department dump truck is at Bradshaw's Garage for repairs on the power take off shaft and pump which is expected to be completed this week.

D. The October water billing statements are marked with the notification of the dates of Fall Cleanup. Only twenty-one (21) residences have been registered as of this time.

E. The sewer line on Foxwood Circle was camered and the plan is for the sewer I & I team to begin working on this within the next several weeks. The sewer line is blocked with tree roots and which will need to be cut and re-sectioned. As progress is made, Mrs. Treece will advise.

F. Work is continuing on the Sewer Plant and on the wasting. Out mixed liquor numbers are staying on target for this time of the year. As fall and winter approaches, the numbers should continue to improve based on continuing wasting and preparing for the spring and summer seasons.

G. The Sewer Department is still looking for an I & I truck. Mrs. Treece enclosed details as to two trucks, but at the meeting, Mrs. Treece advised that both trucks were no longer available and the issue was moot.

H. The Sewer Department, as of this date, has not experienced any issues of overflows, pump failures, or sewer line breaks.

I. The new leased I & I equipment has been received and is working well.

COMMENTS FROM WATER BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Cox asked and Mrs. Treece advised that there is a pending work order to patch the pothole arising out of the water line leak repair on Lookout Avenue.

Mr. Cox asked and Mrs. Treece advised, that Denise Terry's yard was reworked and backfilled with topsoil.

Mr. Craze asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the sewer line at 120 Foxwood Circle had been camered and the staff is working on a repair or replacement plan.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the I & I work crew is short a truck to pull the camera trailer, but work is nevertheless continuing, equipment and schedules permitting.

Chairman Chris Hepler advised that neighbor Regions Bank has experienced a large sink hole in its driveway coming out of the ATM, night deposit, and drive thru

lanes. On Wednesday, a large crew of engineers, contractors, and other workers were investigating the cause of the sinkhole. The initial determination is that a thirty inch concrete culvert runs from the end of the ditch on the railroad right of way into a covered catch basin in the corner of the City Hall parking lot, and then travels onto the Bank property to a catch basin at the edge of the Bank property near Main Street, and then the culvert runs under Main Street and discharges into Indian Creek. After extensive investigation of this thirty inch concrete culvert, including a camera operation by several City employees, it was determined that the culvert is blocked on the Bank side of the property near the telephone pole that is set at or near the boundary between the City Hall property and the Regions Bank property. Educated speculation is that when surface water travels through the culvert and hits this blockage, it then percolates onto the Bank property, washing away dirt, and creating the sinkhole. Included in this speculation is that some of the water percolates in the ground under the new City Hall building, resulting in a softer and spongy underground area, allowing the new City Hall building to shift or perhaps settle. This educated speculation includes the thought that the small cracks appearing in the upper walls and ceilings of the City Hall building may be a result of this stopped culvert. The Bank's engineer is going to prepare a plan to repair or replace the culvert, that could very well include portions of the culvert on the City Hall side of the property. As more information becomes available, the Chairman will make it available.

COMMENTS FROM WATER AND SEWER CUSTOMERS:

None.

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 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Van Hook
Water Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Chris Hepler
Water Board Chairman

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MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Town Council was called to order on October 17, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Chris Hepler. All were present.

The meeting was opened in prayer by Councilman Cox followed by the pledge to the flag.

Motion by Walker and second by Cox to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with the corrections that the word "several" should be removed before the word "citizens" in the question by Holland and answer by City Manager Treece; and that under the purchase of the equipment for the fire department, the two thousand and three dollars cost was per fireman, and the total cost amount approved was six thousand and nine dollars for three fireman. All voted aye.

COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER:

A. Mayor Hepler advised that City Manager Treece (who was absent from the meeting working at Arrowhead park), along with other city employees and volunteers, have worked very hard over the past several weeks to have the several projects at Arrowhead Park completed before the October Sky Festival this weekend. City Manager Treece has been so busy at Arrowhead Park that she has no report, but the Mayor said he could sum up her report in two words: "Arrowhead Park".

B. The Mayor announced that the October Sky Festival will be held this Saturday at Arrowhead Park, the Depot-Museum, and other locations throughout the Town. The Mayor could not even begin to thank all of the many City workers and volunteers who have worked hard and diligently to prepare for this Festival.

C. The Mayor advised that the Water Department grant work is progressing in the Norwood area and that the work on the several parks pursuant to the grant is also progressing. He encouraged all to go and check the work.

D. The Mayor announced that the Fall Cleanup project had been pushed back a week due to the amount of work required at Arrowhead Park. Trash pickup will continue next week and brush pickup will begin the following week. The Mayor encouraged all to access the website of the Town to sign up for the fall cleanup.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Robbie Underwood, on behalf of the Oliver Springs Historical Society, stated that the October Sky Festival will be held this Saturday and he believes it will be one of the best festivals ever. Many activities are planned, and Oliver Springs' own Janelle Arthur will perform in concert at 1:00 p.m. followed by a local band, Fairview Union. Greg Johnson, an Oliver Springs native, will also perform at twelve noon with his Elvis impersonation act, which is very popular at the several theaters in Pigeon Forge. Mr. Underwood echoed Mayor Hepler's observation that there are many individuals who have worked hard on the project, but in particular he complimented City Manager Treece for spending many dedicated hours working on this project. Mr. Underwood encouraged all to come out and support the Festival as this was the Town's Festival. All have worked hard to make this a great success. Mr. Underwood observed that the first October Sky beauty pageant was being held this evening, and Janelle Arthur was in Town to crown the several winners in the various categories.

COMMENTS FROM TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Walker agreed that the City workers, the volunteers, and the members of the Oliver Springs Historical Society have all pitched in and worked very hard to make the October Sky Festival the best ever. Mr. Walker is looking forward to this festival. Mr.

Walker also praised City Manager Treece, the City workers and all the volunteers for all their hard, as a festival of this nature takes a lot more time and work behind the scenes than most people realize.

Mr. Holland agreed that all had worked hard, and he visited Arrowhead Park and personally observed and acknowledged all of the hard work and long hours spent on the project by all of the workers and volunteers. The Mayor agreed that all had worked hard, but the volunteers had contributed greatly to the work and preparation for the festival, and probably without the volunteers, it would be difficult to have had the festival.

Mr. Brummett also observed all of the hard work performed by all the individuals involved with the festival, and the many kind and encouraging words spoken here tonight and elsewhere as to the workers and the work.

Mr. Craze advised that Bob Carmack had spoken with Mr. Craze and Mr. Carmack was very pleased with the work performed by the city worker at Chinquapin in Sleepy Hollow. Mr. Carmack said that the city workers were out there promptly the next day, and one could really tell a difference after the work was performed as compared to before the work was performed.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Walker and second by Stinnett to pass Resolution Number 2013-17-10, a resolution for engineering services for the 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant, and Resolution and Resolution Number 2013-17-10A, a resolution for administrative services for the 2014 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program. During discussion Mr. Cox offered concern about the work and leadership of GRW Engineers, Inc. and suggested that the engineering contract be put out on bids perhaps in future. The Mayor advised that the Town could certainly put this contract, along with any contract, out on bids, but GRW Engineers had been with the Town for about fifteen years, and knew the water and sewer systems better than any other organization. Mr. Holland asked and the Mayor advised that the monetary value which is not shown in the resolution but is shown in the engineering contract. After additional discussion, all voted aye. Mr. Cox asked and the Mayor advised that the grant was an 80%-20% matching grant.

With no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was upon motion duly made and seconded and unanimously approved, adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph H. Van Hook
City Recorder

APPROVED:

Chris Hepler
Mayor

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