

### WATER BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Oliver Springs Water Board was called to order on December 5, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Chris Hepler. All were present except James Brummett, 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. Thanksgiving weekend, three water leaks were repaired that required overtime for the Water Department employees, but water service was not interrupted for a long period of time.

B. The work on the Water Loss grant and the Barger plans hopefully will be completed by the end of the month, weather and time permitting.

C. The Water Department continues to work on water leaks as each is reported. Work orders are generally completed within seven days. Emergencies always move to the front of the line.

D. The Bob Cat repair has been made and the equipment is back in service.

E. The wasting press has been down for a week due to a blown pipe and the search is on for a better replacement.

F. The pump at lift station two is worn out and must be replaced. Quotes have been requested and will be made available to the Water Board as soon as received.

G. On Tuesday, December 3, 2013, weather and labor permitted, repairs will begin on the Foxwood sewer line. Progress reports will be provided.

H. The search is continuing for a Sewer Department I & I Team equipment truck. If a potential truck is located, the Water Board will be advised.

I. The Town is required to conduct a door-to-door survey for the next CDBG Grant application in order to obtain information from one out of four residents. In order to reach residents, Mrs. Treece will conduct the survey on the weekend using one or two employees assisting her. The employees of the Town will either have a city shirt or a city badge and are not to go into the homes to complete the survey. A resident may take and complete the survey in his/her home and return it to the employee. The survey will take approximately two or three weekends.

#### COMMENTS FROM WATER BOARD MEMBERS:

Chairman Hepler advised that the prison work crew cleaning up the Indian Creek bed discovered a wet spot and reported it. After investigation, the Water Department's employees discovered a two inch water line buried approximately six feet from the surface that was believed to be valved off, but apparently was not. Almost all of the water from this two inch water line was pouring into Indian Creek. The Chairman believes that this repair of this huge water leak will have a positive impact in the water loss report.

Chairman Hepler also advised that he and Steve Smith discovered a substantial water leak on the highway, and the staff is studying ways to repair this water leak. Regardless, the water leak must be repaired.

Chairman Hepler commented that the repair of these two water leaks should result in a substantial reduction on the Town's water loss report.

The Water Board conducted a general discussion as to the probable existence of several substantial water line leaks. Chairman Hepler and others discussed a probable water leak under the four lane, that would be expensive and time consuming to repair.

Mr. Stinnett asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the water leak on Richard's Drive had not yet been repaired as that also is a valve leak. The repair of this valve water leak is scheduled to be performed under the grant funding in order to best use the resources of the Town.

Mr. Craze asked and Mrs. Treece advised that no I & I truck had been located, but she is watching gov.deals and other web sites and advertising locations in order to obtain the best truck for the crew taking into consideration the budgeted funds and the needs of the project. As soon as one is located, Mrs. Treece will advise. Mr. Walker asked and Mrs. Treece advised that she had checked with the City of Oak Ridge as far as to the availability of a used truck. Chairman Hepler advised that all of the credit unions, government businesses and agencies, and other organizations have also been checked to determine if a suitable used truck could be acquired by the Town.

Mr. Craze asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the repairing of the sewer line in Foxwood had begun, but the weather and rain have greatly delayed the project. Several area residents do not want their yards dug up for the repairs, and this is creating problems for the repair work. There was also discussion as to the possible lining of the sewer line being defective, with possible recourse against the liner manufacturer, if the manufacturer is still in business. A mysterious narrow plastic-like material is appearing in various lengths, up to six feet in length, and wrapping itself around the impellers and other parts of the pump(s), creating great problems.

Mr. Holland asked and Mrs. Treece advised that the chlorinator system had been replaced wherein a less dangerous chemical would be used.

**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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joseph H. Van Hook  
Water Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
Chris Hepler  
Water Board Chairman