

Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Minutes

Linda Levart

Date: Tuesday, March 4,2025

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR 72022

Members Present: Al Wise, Nancy Pruitt, Wade Boone, Linda Levart, Leroy Tinkler, David Hannah

Members Absent: Madison McEntire, Kathy Barber

Staff Present: Amanda Roe, Angela Shepard, Tim Fournier

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by: David Hannah

February Leak Adjustment

All requested adjustments were approved.

Requests: Motion to Approve Leak Adjustments:

Motion Seconded: **Wade Boone**

Motion carried with 5 votes

Motion opposed by 1 vote: **Leroy Tinkler**

Minutes: Motion to Approve February: Linda Levart

Minutes as Presented:

Motion Seconded: **Nancy Pruitt**

Motion carried with 6 votes

Financials: Motion to Approve January: **Leroy Tinkler**

Financials as Presented:

Motion Seconded: Al Wise

Motion carried with 6 votes

Presentations: Sanitary Sewer Collection System: Presentation presented with project updates listed below.

Wastewater pipebursted 5,526 ft of sewer lines in 2024, maintained over 300 miles of lines, 42 lift stations with 10 employees. Due to the Wastewater Departments qualifications, we are able to eliminate constant need for outsourcing. Wastewater crews also maintain and replace all manholes. Wastewater being capable of all the in-house projects, we have been able to save the City on multiple change order fees and cut down on labor and supplies. Estimated savings is

about \$1.2 million. Wastewater has set standards for other municipalities.

Public Comments: None.

Old Business: Deposit Letter: After taking the letter to council and having a delay in time. The date will be

changed from April 1st to May 1, 2025 for all residents to be in compliance.

New Business: Motion to add Credit Card Fees into the agenda: Linda Levart

Motion Seconded: **Wade Boone** **Credit Card Fees:** Money, \$62,500 out of water and \$62,500 out of wastewater totaling \$125,000, is budgeted each year for the fees. Discussions are being held that the fees for credit cards will be turned back to the customer anytime that they pay by credit card. There are other ways to pay by bank draft, ACH, check and in the office.

Projects:

Saline Regional Update: Design is in progress. Easements are being secured. NRD money and private funding are being discussed.

South Plain Update: The city is in discussion with the school regarding land. Appraisals are being done with both pieces of land.

LS 5 Update: Project is about 5% complete. Hawkins and Weir have about 99% of the survey work complete. Engineering is working with ECCI to determine flood plain requirements. We are currently on the priority list to apply for funding once surveying is complete.

Hwy 5 Relocation Update: Discussions and meeting are taking place with Entergy regarding the possibility of sharing easements. Garnat Engineering is working on documentation for reimbursement options with the upwards of 84% reimbursement.

Lea Circle Update: Project is about 80% complete. Necessary improvements are complete to move forward with construction by Diamond Construction. Natural Research Division has approved the bond documents. Construction and Crist Engineering are working together about boring.

Springhill Update: Project is about 55% complete. Original design was done in 2017 and completion date was 2018. Easements are in the process of being secured. Appraisals are between \$2 and \$4 a square foot for easements. Once surveying is complete, applying for funding will be next. The goal to start construction is in the beginning of 2026.

Motion to Adjourn: Wade Boone
Motion Seconded: Linda Levart

Carried with 6 votes