



Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday March 31, 2015

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Boswell Municipal Complex Conference Room

Members Present: Wade Boone, Robert Griffin, Alan Kays, Jason Patterson, Jack Moseley, Kathy Barber, Mike Chandler

Members Absent: Linda Levart Madison McEntire

Staff Present: Monty Ledbetter, Howard Hoover, Buddy Fowler, Scott Chandler, Russell Kitchens, Joy Black

Others Present: Jill Dabbs, Mayor

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Jack Moseley. Chairman Boone arrived shortly thereafter and proceeded with the meeting.

February Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes as Presented: Robert Griffin
Motion Seconded: Alan Kays
Motion carried with all aye votes

Financials: The most recent Budget Status Report was provided to the Committee. Joy Black informed the committee that each month the official Finance Report to be approved by City Council will be found on the City's website under the City Council Agenda if they wish to view it. The report will always be for the previous month and not include any expenses and revenues since the cutoff point Joy indicated that the Committee would be welcome to contact her with any questions on the report.

Citizen's Concerns: Buddy Fowler presented requests for billing adjustments. Customer Service made four adjustments under the \$100 threshold. There were seven request that exceeded \$100. The customers provided all required documentation.
Motion to Approve Adjustment over \$100: Kathy Barber
Motion Seconded: Alan Kays
Motion carried with all aye votes

New Business:

- A. **Standard Specifications for Water and Sewer Construction** - The full document is 248 pages, attached to the email sent out. The document is being edited by staff at this time. **Central Arkansas Water Negotiations** - Central Arkansas Water has lost a couple of customers on the north end of their system. They are offering Bryant an additional 1.5 MGD on our contract along with an increase in the minimum take or pay amount in the contract. Some negotiations will be needed before the contract is amended.
- B. **Old Salem Subdivision - Creekside Cottages** - The developer will appear at City Council on March 31 to request sewer services from Bryant. The subdivision is outside the City Limits but will sign an agreement to annex at the first available time.
Motion to Recommend to City Council: Robert Griffin
Motion Seconded: Alan Kays
Motion carried with all aye votes
- C. **Consumer Confidence Report** - A copy of the annual report for 2014 was provided. The report must be delivered to customers by July 1 each year. The report will be included in the April billing statements.
- D. **Senate Bill 540** - the bill would require Cities to consider PVC and Ductile Iron as equal with some exception based on "sound engineering practices". Monty wrote a letter to several House members urging them to reject the bill in favor of letting local entities make the decisions based on conditions rather than state mandate. The bill failed in the House.

Old Business:

- A. **Credit Card Fees** - We continue to investigate the use of credit cards. Fees from Visa, Master Card and Discover are all due to go up slightly in the next few months. The issue continues to be complicated.

Reports: **WATER** - Water crews have repaired 18 service leaks, 5 new construction taps and one main break in recent weeks. We do about 20 to 30 locates a day. The new Aspen Dental water tap is complete. The CVS Pharmacy required 4 taps.

WASTEWATER - Wastewater crews have completed about 105 work orders in the first quarter, Along with assisting water crews with many of their projects. We have reported a total of 4 SSO's for the first quarter of 2015; one equipment failure, two blockages and one line failure. Our flow study has shown basin # 5 has the highest amount of I&I throughout our collection system at this time. Crews have been actively searching for I&I issues by walking the neighborhoods in basin # 5 and have found two Major points of infiltration and many minor points which will be prioritized and repaired. These are surface visible issues. Once these have been addressed crews will begin smoke testing and CCTV mains looking for the not so obvious. Crews have inspected about 150 manholes in basin #5 and found private service lines to be a contributor to our I&I issues also. I have spoken with some of our customers at this point with the request for them to make necessary repairs.

ANRC Projects

- The 16" Water Main is online and working great. We were recently able to pump water to our tanks at a rate of 5.1 MGD.
- The Snooks Lane Water Main Extension is near completion.
- The 12" Sewer Force Main project is still waiting for acquisition of the remaining easements before construction can begin. The holdup is one property involved in an estate. That should be resolved soon.
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Comments: No Comments

Adjournment: With no further business, Mr. Boone entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Robert Griffin to adjourn, seconded by Jason Patterson. The motion carried with all aye votes. The next regular meeting of the Bryant Water and Sewer Advisory Committee will be April 26, 2015 at 6 PM.

Wade Boone
Chairperson

Howard Hoover
Administrative Operations Coordinator