



# Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday December 22, 2015  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.  
**Location:** Boswell Municipal Complex Conference Room

**Members Present:** Wade Boone, Robert Griffin, Kathy Barber, Jason Patterson, Jack Moseley, Linda Levart, Alan Kays, Madison McEntire

**Members Absent:** Mike Chandler,

**Staff Present:** Greg Asher, Howard Hoover, Joy Black, Bobby Joiner, Mindy Cox, Scott Chandler

**Others Present:** Rick Nation, Derwin Davis

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wade Boone

Greg Huggs introduced Bobby Joiner, the new Customer Service Manager taking Buddy Fowler's place. Howard Hoover introduced Gregg Asher, the new General Manager of the Water and Wastewater Department. Monty Ledbetter resigned to take a job as Utility Director for the City of Hot Springs. The Mayor has appointed Gregg to manage the water and wastewater utilities. No new Public Works Director has been hired at this time.

**October Minutes:** Motion to Approve September Minutes as Presented: Jack Moseley  
Motion Seconded: Jason Patterson  
Motion carried with all aye votes

**Financials:** The end of October and end of November Financial Report were provided to the Committee.

Motion to Approve Financials: Jack Moseley  
Motion Seconded: Linda Levart  
Motion carried with all aye votes

**Citizen's Concerns:** **Billing Adjustments**

Rick Nation appealed for an additional adjustment above the \$31.92 adjustment approved in October. After explaining the circumstances of his leak Robert Griffin moved to approve an additional \$81.48 adjustment. Jason Patterson seconded. Motion passed.

Derwin Davis appeared to ask for an adjustment for a leak on the Salem Water System/Bryant Sewer System. Linda Levart moved to approve the adjustment as calculated by Bobby Joiner on the request report. Robert Griffin seconded. Motion passed.

Bobby Joiner presented fourteen requests for bill adjustments for November and December. All required documentation was provided for each request.

Motion to Approve New Requests for Adjustments Jack Moseley  
Motion Seconded: Wade Boone  
Motion carried with all aye votes

Bobby Joiner informed the Committee that he has found a number of "at risk" accounts in the system where penalties on top of penalties have made paying the amounts due almost impossible. These are generally accounts that have been placed on a payment plan that failed for one reason or another. He asked for some guidance from the Committee on how to handle the accounts. Discussion followed suggesting that Mr. Joiner develop a proposal to bring back to the Committee.

Mindy Cox inquired about the possibility of charging an afterhours reconnection fee on services that were turned off for non-payment. Kathy Barber suggested checking with other communities about how the issue is handled.

**New Business** **Election of Officers for 2016**

Robert Griffin nominated Jack Moseley to be Chairman for 2016, Linda Levart seconded the nomination. Jack Moseley was elected Water and Sewer Advisory Committee Chairman for 2016 by unanimous vote

**Old Business**

Wade Boone was nominated by Jack Moseley to be Vice-Chairman for 2016

Linda Levert seconded the nomination.  
Wade Boone was elected Water and Sewer Advisory Committee Vice-Chairman for 2016 by unanimous vote.

**Reports:**

**B & M Mobile Home Park Review** - The litigation is in the hands of attorneys at this point. No new information is available.

**Boone Road Water Line Replacement** - Crist Engineers prepared the plan to replace all of the old asbestos cement pipe on Boone Road. The project was estimated to cost around \$500,000. Bids for water line improvements on Boone Road opened on December 15, 2015. The apparent low bidder was Coakley Company at around \$255,000. We hope to be able to make other improvements as well since the project came in under the estimate. This will be work for 2016.

**AHTD Highway 5 Widening Project** - A resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute the engineering agreement with Crist Engineers was passed by City Council on September 29. The Highway Department has approved our contract with Crist Engineers for the relocation of water and sewer lines. Project is under design.

**Mi-Echo RF Propagation Study** - A study is planned on the older part of Bryant in 2016.

**Sludge Removal Bids** - Gregg Asher informed the Committee that the Sludge Removal Project is approximately 55% complete..

**Water and Wastewater Reports**

**The Committee was provided a written report on water and wastewater activities.**

**Comments:**

Kathy Barber inquired about whether the Stormwater Utility Fee Ordinance was to go before City Council again. If passed, Committee members suggest making sure that customers are informed that the charge is not for water or sewer, that it is only collected on their monthly bill.

**Adjourn**

Motion to Adjourn:  
Motion Seconded:  
Motion carried with all aye votes

Linda Levert  
Robert Griffin

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Wade Boone  
Chairperson

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Howard Hoover  
Administrative Operations Coordinator