

# **Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission**

**January 21, 2002**

## **Minutes**

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM, Monday, January 21, 2002, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners present were Donnie Moore, Lon Pepple, Jerry Pittman, and Fred Wanger. Dick McLelland was absent. Rogers Water Utilities staff present were Tom McAlister, Mark Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Don Roberts, Earl Rausch, Mike Lawrence, Judy Bridges, Stephen Ponder, and Earl Weber. Others in attendance were E. J. Miller, H. F. McClellan, Gene Bland, Jim Clark, Kevin Thomas, Lori Harrison-Stone, and Kirstan Conley. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

There was a motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2001, Commission meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mike Lawrence, Pollution Control Facility Manager. Lawrence presented Earl Weber, PCF Maintenance Mechanic, with a certificate of appreciation for five years service to RWU.

Continuing, Lawrence asked for permission to bid oxygen generation equipment for the Pollution Control Facility, since Air Products had raised the price of oxygen such that such a purchase made economic sense. There was a motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to allow the advertisement for bids. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, P. E., Utilities Engineer. Johnson presented the Commission with a spreadsheet detailing the status of the many projects in which the Commission had a monetary interest. Johnson said that the Highway 12 East water line project was near completion, with all pipe in the ground. He said that the Phase VI sewer project was progressing, with an anticipated finish date of April 8, 2002. Johnson mentioned that an informational public meeting had been called for the residents of Pleasant Acres Addition, to answer questions about the planned water main construction.

Continuing, Johnson said that design work was continuing in house on the proposed eight million-gallon ground storage tank at 23<sup>rd</sup> St. at W. Lilac. He said that a geotechnical study would be required, and the City would require that on-site stormwater retention.

Johnson told the Commission that the water and sewer relocations in the area of the airport on Highway 62 North were still pending approval by the state highway department. He said that the highway department was interested in what, if anything, the

City was willing to do at the proposed relocation of W. New Hope at Osage Road. He said several homes on the south side of New Hope had septic tank-leachfield systems that would be adversely affected by the realignment of New Hope Road.

Johnson presented the Commission with an aerial photograph depicting the Southeast Rogers sewer project, also known as the Phase VIII 1998 Sewer bond project. Johnson said that the City Council had approved that part of the project that extended outside the city limits into the county, along S. Old Wire Road, provided that the Council controlled any sewer service connections. The low bidder was APAC, for \$907,537. Pepple asked how long the project would take. Stephen Ponder, Design Engineer for RWU, said the contract period was six months. There was a motion by Pittman, second by Wanger, to approve the bid of APAC. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Moore recognized Jim Clark, Deputy City Attorney. Clark presented the Commission with a proposed contract for the signatures of the Mayor of Rogers and the President of the Horseshoe Bend – Highway 94 East Water Association, Virginia Mocivnik. Clark said that the contract allowed the Commission to essentially take over the association by assuming all its liabilities and assets, and providing the RWU would continue to collect the surcharge from the Association members, in order to retire a debt owed to the Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission. What liabilities? Someone asked. McAlister said that the Association owed about \$203,000, but had approximately \$160,000 in the bank. He said that the ASWCC debt could be paid off in about 26 months, since the surcharge amounted to about \$1600 per month. There was a motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to approve the contract. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Joyce Johnson, CPA, Controller for the Utilities. Johnson reported that the rebate from Beaver Water District had arrived, and that additional monies would be accrued through the end of the fiscal year, making the Water Department's fiscal position stronger. She also said that the profit/loss statements for both the water and sewer departments were adjusted for the shortfall in interest income caused by falling interest rates. There was a motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to approve the changes (attached) in the budgets. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary  
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