

# **Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission**

**March 22, 1999**

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM, Monday, March 22, 1999, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners Jerry Pittman, Dick McLelland, and Donnie Moore were present. Lon Pepple and Beck Scott were absent. Others in attendance were Rogers Water Utilities staff Tom McAlister, Don Roberts, Lloyd Ericson, Mike Lawrence, Mark Johnson, Earl Rausch, and Luanne Diffin. In the audience were Deputy City Attorney Jim Clark, Bill Rudasill, Rich Grubbs, and Tom Sissom. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

There was a motion by Pittman, second by McLelland, to approve the February minutes as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, Water Utilities Engineer. Johnson recognized Lloyd Ericson, RWU Engineering Technician, with a certificate of appreciation for five years of dedicated service with the Utilities. Johnson also presented McAlister with a certificate of appreciation for 15 years of service to RWU as superintendent.

Johnson gave a short, oral update on the status of the water and sewer projects in which the Commission had a monetary interest. Johnson said that the project to take four lift stations out of service was almost complete. Engineering plans were being developed on the Harris Baking Company Sewer, the Lindell Vines sewer extension, and the water extension to serve the Liberty Bell Community Center. Johnson explained that his division was having to change in order to do the necessary design work on the water and sewer improvement projects funded by the \$10 million bond issue of 1998. Moore said that the work needed to be speeded along so that the City could reap the economic benefit sooner, rather than later.

There was some discussion regarding the "policies and ordinances" required before the sewer extension work in the Lake Atalanta could be completed. Johnson said that the sewer design in the area of Lake Atalanta incorporated the use of individual sewer grinder pumps to serve existing homes. McAlister said that the existing ordinance was sufficient to force homeowners to connect to the sewer main (even if the sewer main in question was a force main, and require a pump station). However, McAlister said that those homeowners would not be forced to connect unless their septic tank leach field was malfunctioning. McAlister said that his plan was to provide the grinder pump stations complete (about \$4000 each) installed, and agree to maintain the pump station. In return, the homeowner would agree to pay the \$150 connection fee, the monthly sewer bill, and to provide electrical power to the lift station. McAlister said that the older homes in the area would probably not be able to be rewired to serve a pump station, and that he planned to try to work an agreement with the power company to provide the power to the

lift station for a flat rate. Any homes that desired to connect to the sewer in the future would be required to provide their own pump station, McAlister said.

Moore recognized Luanne Diffin, Laboratory Director/ Pretreatment Coordinator for RWU. Diffin had received three bids for the replacement of the existing Atomic Adsorption unit in the laboratory at the Pollution Control Facility. The low bid was \$59,989.50 from Varian, Inc. Motion by McLelland, second by Pittman, to approve the low bid. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Rich Grubbs and his engineer, Bill Rudasill. Rudasill said that his client wished to build some warehouse office space on Pleasant Grove Road east of Highway 71 Bypass. He said that the closest water line was a twelve-inch main in Laurel Road, about 3000 feet away. Rudasill said that the staff had told him that the Commission had plans to extend the twelve-inch main west to connect to an existing twelve inch main on Bellview Road. He reasoned that the Commission might achieve its goal by running the main through his client's property, and asked the Commission to pay for half the cost of the \$98,000 proposed project.

McLelland asked McAlister for a recommendation. McAlister said that the Commission had helped the previous landowner to pay for half the cost of the 12-inch mainline in Laurel to the point it was now. He suggested that the Commission pay for half the cost of the main until it turned south and ran across country to Grubb's property. Half the cost should not exceed \$20,000, he said. Motion by McLelland, second by Pittman, to pay for half the cost to run the main line west along Laurel Road. The owner needed to pay for an eight inch main from Laurel Road, south about a quarter of a mile to the owner's property. The Commissioner's share of the cost was not to exceed \$20,000. All in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary  
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