

# Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

**May 17, 1999**

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM, May 17, 1999, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners Donnie Moore, Jerry Pittman, Lon Pepple, and Beck Scott were present. Dick McLelland was absent. Others in attendance were Rogers Water Utilities staff Tom McAlister, Mark Johnson, Mike Lawrence, Don Roberts, Joyce Johnson, Earl Rausch, Terry McCauley, Luanne Diffin, and Martin Beauchamp, Deputy City Attorney Jim Clark, Everett Balk, Tom Sissom, and Tonya McKiever. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Tom McAlister recognized the following RWU staff members for significant achievement:

Terry McCauley, fifteen years of service.

Martin Beauchamp, twenty-five years of service.

Mike Lawrence, for his recently published article in Operations Forum.

Luanne Diffin, for receiving three awards at the State Meeting earlier this month.

Motion by Pittman, second by Scott, to approve the minutes of the April meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pittman, second by Moore, to approve the March 1999 minutes as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Luanne Diffin, Laboratory Director/Pretreatment Coordinator, who presented the Commission with a resolution, which adopted the principles of Pollution Prevention, and called for a Pollution Prevention program draft before the end of the year. Diffin said that the resolution was needed to satisfy EPA that RWU would affirm the principles of Pollution Prevention in all its capacities. Motion by Scott, second by Pittman, to approve the resolution. All in favor, motion carried.

Diffin told the Commission that the City of Rogers had been notified that it had received a grant to study the watershed of Rogers and to develop a watershed management plan (WMP). She said that this was the first municipal watershed in the state to receive a grant from Arkansas Soil and Water Conservation Commission. The total grant was worth \$184,000. A local matching share of \$139,000 was to be contributed in equipment,

supplies, and labor. She said that she was working with several stakeholders, including the County Environmental Affairs people, the Mayor of Rogers, and a University of Arkansas professor. The Commission required no action, she said. She only wanted the Commission to know about the grant and the project.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, Utilities Engineer. Johnson gave a brief, oral update of the various water and sewer projects that the Commission was involved in some way. Johnson said that the Lake Atalanta South sewer project was surveyed and under design. He said the waterline to serve the annexation property was being surveyed, and a design should be ready by the date the annexation election arrived on June 15, 1999.

Moore recognized Everett Balk, an engineer with Crafton, Tull, and Associates. He said that he had been asked by the RWU staff to submit a proposal for doing a feasibility study for the possible extension of sewer service to the homes in Osage Reservation, Glenwood, and Acres Escondidos additions in the area of southwest Rogers. Balk set the cost not to exceed \$6530 for the study. McAlister said that he had contacted engineers to help the utility achieve its goal to design and build all the sewers in the Sewer Master Plan, adopted last summer. Motion by Scott, second by Pittman, to approve the proposal from Crafton and Tull. All in favor, motion carried.

The second engineering proposal was from McClelland Engineers, Fayetteville. McAlister said that he had asked for a proposal to study the feasibility of providing sewer service to existing homes in Lakeview, Summit Heights, and Highland Park additions. The cost was not to exceed \$13,000, the proposal said. Motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to approve the proposal from McClelland Engineers. All in favor, motion carried.

The FY 2000 budget proposal was discussed. Joyce Johnson, Controller for RWU, said that the main difference between the proposed budget and budgets in years past, was the \$10 million dollar water/sewer 1998 bond issue, and the capitalization of a portion of the engineering costs incurred in-house. After some discussion, there was a motion to approve the budget proposal by Pepple, second by Scott. All in favor motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary  
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