

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

May 24, 2000

Minutes

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission took place at 12:00 PM, Wednesday, May 24, 2000, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Present were Commissioners Donnie Moore, Jerry Pittman, and Beck Scott. Dick McLelland and Lon Pepple were absent. Others present were Rogers Water Utilities staff Tom McAlister, Mark Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Don Roberts, Earl Rausch, and Mike Lawrence. Others in the audience were Jim Clark, Deputy City Attorney, Tom Sissom, and Kevin Thomas. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

There was a motion by Pittman, second by Moore, to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2000 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, Utilities Engineer. Johnson gave a brief report on the status of several projects in which the Commission had a pecuniary interest. Johnson said that the "Ichiban" sewer project design was almost finished, and he said the project would be bid next month. The New Hope Road and S. 8th St. intersection utilities relocation project was set to begin next week, he said. The S. 26th St. widening project had got off to a shaky start, he said, but should be back on track soon. Pittman asked how many crossings were there on the West oak-widening project? There were many service crossings to make, since the water and sewer lines were in the middle of the street, Johnson said. McAlister asked about the cost associated with the widening of S. Dixieland, from the new high school to New Hope Road? Johnson said that the project had been bid, and that the cost to relocate the water line was about \$80,000. Moore asked about the bidding process. Johnson said that the City of Rogers had bid the water and sewer relocations as part of the widening projects, and that the City Council awarded the bids. Johnson said that Maurice Kolman typically approved the payments to contractors, and that the City invoiced the Utilities for its share of the payments.

Mark Johnson presented the Commission with a bid tabulation for the Phase II of the 1998 water bond project, also known as the Northwest Rogers Water project. The project consisted of approximately six miles of eight-inch ductile iron water main to be installed on Dodson, Stoney Brook, Rainbow, Elk, and Northgate Roads. The low bidder was Willis Parks Construction, Russellville, Arkansas, for \$734,597.73. Johnson said that he was not familiar with the company, but they had demonstrable water construction experience. Motion by Pittman, second by Scott, to approve the bid from Willis Parks. All in favor, motion carried.

Johnson asked for permission to bid two sewer pipe rehabilitation projects. One project was to invert a pipe liner through several thousand feet of eight-inch sewer in the

alley between Third and Fourth Streets. The other project was to invert a similar liner through a run of 15 inch sewer main from Eighth St. to 13th St. He said that the sewer lines were in a bad state of repair, and that they were sources of infiltration/inflow to the sewer system. Johnson estimated the cost to rehab both lines at \$710,000. Moore asked when the bids would come back on the Southwest Rogers sewer project? Johnson responded that the project engineers, Crafton, Tull, and Associates, had submitted plans and the staff had made their review. When the plans are finally approved, the project would then be bid. Johnson said that the engineer's original cost estimate was \$2.4 million. The Commission expressed concern that the cost might be more than anticipated, and wanted to wait until the Southwest sewer project was bid, before making plans to rehabilitate the existing sewer system.

Chairman Moore brought up the cost share proposal for Pleasant Acres Addition, Phase II. Jerry Kelso, an engineer with Crafton, Tull, and Associates, engineer for the project, had asked that the Commission pay for cost to "upsized" the sewer line through the development, and pay for the cost to extend services to the existing homes in Phase I. Proposals had been solicited, and the low proposal came from Northwest Excavations, Inc. Since the project had not been formally advertised, McAlister said that the Commission would have to waive competitive bidding requirements. There was a motion by Pittman, second by Scott, to approve resolution No. 00-14, which waived competitive bidding requirements, and awarded a bid of \$34,498.50 to Northwest Excavation, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.

Joyce Johnson, Utilities Controller, presented the Commission with the April financial statements. No exceptions were taken to the statements.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary
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