

# **Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission**

**June 21, 1999**

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM, Monday, June 21, 1999, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners Beck Scott, Dick McLelland, Jerry Pittman, Donnie Moore, and Lon Pepple were present. Others in attendance were Rogers Water Utilities staff Tom McAlister, Mark Johnson, Mike Lawrence, Don Roberts, Judy Bridges, Joyce Johnson, Earl Rausch, and Terry McCauley. Others present were Deputy City Attorney Jim Clark, Lewis Yarbrough, Kent Rylee, Barbara Fugitt, Joe Tarvin, Raymond Raphael, Chris Newell, Scott Huse, Tamara Kelly, Jeana Walker, Tom Sissom, Glen Kelley, and Bill Fugitt. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

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

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, Utilities Engineer. Johnson gave a brief update on the numerous water and sewer projects in which the Commission had a pecuniary interest. Johnson said that the work on the piers in Chateau Terrace was finished. He said that all the water and sewer lines were relocated on South Dixieland Road. He reminded the Commission that all the money set aside for water and sewer relocations in the City's 1995 bond issue had been spent, and that all further costs would need to be borne by the Commission. Johnson said that the City planned to improve Dixieland south to Perry Road, and also Perry Road, from Dixieland to 21<sup>st</sup> St. The City also plans to widen Olrich St. from 8<sup>th</sup> St. to 13<sup>th</sup> St. and S. 26<sup>th</sup> St. from New Hope to Seminole Road.

Mark Johnson told the Commission that the sewer line in West Walnut in front of the new Walgreen Drugstore needed to be upgraded and moved before the drugstore finished their improvements. He said that the owner had granted an easement, and that a price had been secured from DECCO Contractors, for \$49,195 to do the necessary work. Motion by Scott, second by McLelland to approve Resolution No. 99-14, which waived the requirements of competitive bidding and warded the contract to DECCO. All in favor, motion carried.

Continuing, Johnson provided the Commission with a bid tabulation from the Sewer Improvement project, Phase I. The project consisted of several small sewer extensions to unserved areas of the city. The low bid was from Necessary Construction, for \$255,469.70. Motion by McLelland, second by Pittman, to approve the low bid. All in favor, motion carried.

Lastly, Johnson requested permission to bid a water line project into the newly annexed area in Southwest Rogers. Motion by Scott, second by Pittman, to allow the staff to bid the waterline project in the Bellview and Garret Road. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Earl Rausch, Design Engineer for the Utilities. Rausch said that the proposed sewer line to serve PGI Nonwovens (Fibertech) had been designed and bid. He presented a bid tabulation with two bids. The low bid was from Apac-Ark (Necessary Construction) for \$70,627.50. Motion by McLelland, second by Scott, to approve the low bid. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Joe Tarvin, P. E., with McLelland Engineers. Tarvin submitted a report on the alternatives to sewer the area east and west of Lake Atalanta. He said that they considered three alternatives, and deemed the low pressure/grinder pump alternative the most feasible. The cost to serve the entire area (Summit Heights, Lakeview, and Hyland Park) was about \$2.1 million to serve 300 existing homes. The report was accepted without comment.

Moore recognized Mr. Glen Kelley, who lived in Acres Escondidos, a subdivision on South 26<sup>th</sup> St. He said that he was appointed spokesperson to address the Commission regarding the problem with septic tanks in his neighborhood. He said that septic systems did not percolate well, and a sewer system was needed to protect the health of the inhabitants. He presented the Commission with a petition requesting sewer service for Acres Escondidos and Glenwood Addition. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the number of residences in the area, and how much the sewer would cost, and the route the sewer would take to get there. Pittman asked if the homeowners would be willing to bear any of the cost? Kent Rylee, a resident, said that he would consider about any offer of assistance. McAlister said that, during the development of the sewer master plan, neither addition was included in the final draft, due to the high cost. McAlister said that Crafton, Tull and Associates was making a study of the feasibility of serving the entire Southwest area of Rogers, including Acres Escondidos and Glenwood, and the report was due by July 12.

Moore recognized Joyce Johnson, Utilities Controller. Joyce presented the Commission with a spreadsheet showing several options for renewal of employee health insurance. She said that the present carrier, Anthem Life and Health, had proposed a 40% increase in overall premiums, with the same amount of coverage. An option submitted by Anthem, Number Five, had slightly less coverage for an increase of 25%. Blue Cross/Blue Shield had submitted a proposal for fully insured coverage; however, when the cost of the run-out/run-in was considered, the BC/BS proposal was more costly. Joyce

said that a team from the utility had studied the problem, and the recommendation from the team was to stay with Anthem, and take option No. 5. Motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to approve Anthem Option No. 5. All in favor, motion carried.

The May financial statements were discussed. The statements were accepted without comment.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary  
Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

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