

Rogers Water Works and Sewer Commission

July 27, 1998

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting 4:00 PM, July 27, 1998, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners Don Moore, Dick McLelland, Jerry Pittman, and Beck Scott were present. Lon Pepple was absent. Others in attendance were RWU staff Tom McAlister, Don Roberts, Mark Johnson, Leon Pollock, Don Bridges, Joyce Johnson, Joe Duty, and Cindy Nordgren. Others in the audience were Jim Clark, Doug Fredeen, Pat Morrison, Lynette Harris Tonya McIvor, Walter Schrader, Richard Koenig, and Tom Sissom. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

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

McAlister presented awards to the following RWU employees, who were celebrating milestone dates with the Utility: Cindy Nordgren, five years; Joe Duty, twenty years, and Leon Pollock, thirty years. All were presented with Certificates and received the thanks of the Commission for their efforts on their behalf.

Moore recognized Don Roberts, Superintendent of Field Operations. Roberts presented the Commission with bids for four replacement trucks. The low bidder on all four trucks was Maloney Ford of Rogers. The total for all the trucks was \$65,410. Roberts said that Ford had fleet incentives for some of its trucks, and these would be deducted from the price when delivery was taken, but the amount of the incentive was not known. These were budgeted items, Roberts said. Motion by Pittman, second by Scott, to approve the low bid from Maloney Ford of \$65, 410. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Moore recognized Mark Johnson, P. E., Utilities Engineer. Johnson gave a short recap of the large construction projects the City had undertaken. He said the West Walnut utility relocations were almost finished, and that South Dixieland utility relocations had just started. Johnson presented the Commission with a bid tabulation for a project to take four sewer lift stations off-line. Four bids were received, he said, and the low bid was from Crowder Construction at \$163, 737.26. Motion by Scott, second by McLelland, to approve the low bid. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Doug Fredeen, engineer for the owners of Kinston Centre II, a strip shopping center on S. 45th St. at Dixieland. Fredeen told the Commission that the RWU staff had asked for a 12 inch water main extension to serve the project, and an eight inch was all that was required for the development. He asked the Commission to pay for the difference in cost, about \$7000. Motion by McLelland, second by Pittman, to pay for the difference between an eight and a twelve-inch water mainline, not to exceed \$7000. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Charles Reaves, developer of the Manors on Blossomway addition. Reaves said the RWU staff had asked that a sewer be upsized in his addition from an eight inch line to a ten inch line, and that water and sewer be extended to the east side of Bellview Road. The additional cost was set at \$40,570.95, which he asked the Commission to pay. Motion by McLelland, second by Pittman, to pay the additional cost, not to exceed, \$40,570.95. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Lynette Harris, a realtor, who was trying to handle the sale of a tract of land near Osage Rd. and Quapaw St. for Mr. Richard Koenig, the prospective buyer, who had made an offer on the land, subject to city water being available. Koenig said that he had talked to the RWU staff about bringing a private service line across the neighbor to the south, to the existing main at the eastern terminus of Quapaw St. Koenig said that he had been asked by staff to consider cost sharing an eight inch main to his property. He said he could not afford such a venture, and deemed the requirement for a mainline extension "unreasonable". McAlister presented an aerial photograph of the area, and explained the problem with Mr. Koenig's request. Pittman asked Koenig if he would be willing to pay half the cost of the mainline? Koenig said "No". Moore asked Koenig to come back to the Commission if he should change his mind about the offer.

Moore recognized Walter Schrader, developer of Hardwood Heights 2 addition. Schrader said that he had recently come to the Commission with a cooperative venture to help pay for the cost of the off-site sewer, and that had been approved by the Commission. Now, Schrader was asking for the Commission to waive the \$7800 in connection fees for 26 lots in Hardwood Heights 2. McLelland asked why Schrader did not bring the matter up when he was before the Commission previously? Schrader said he did not know about the connection fees. Moore asked Mark Johnson if the developer was required to sign an extension agreement? Johnson said yes, that there was a contract for the off-site sewer work, which referred to a contract for the subdivision proper. Johnson said he (Schrader) knew, or should have known, about the connection fees. Schrader said that the Commission had waived the fees before. McAlister said that the Commission had waived fees for Victoria Place addition, because it had been a replat of an old subdivision. No action was taken on Schrader's request.

Joyce Johnson presented the June financial sheets, which also included the unaudited fiscal year end statements. She said that the Utilities had a good year, with revenues up slightly over the previous year. The Commission praised the statements, and thanked Johnson for the good job she does presenting the information.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom McAlister, Acting Secretary
Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

