

# Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

August 21, 2000

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 4:00 PM, Monday, August 21, 2000, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners Donnie Moore, Dick McLelland, Jerry Pittman, Beck Scott, and Lon Peple were present. Rogers Water Utilities staff in attendance were Tom McAlister, Mark Johnson, Don Roberts, Earl Rausch, Mike Lawrence, and Joyce Johnson. Others in attendance were Deputy City Attorney Jim Clark and Kevin Thomas, *Benton County Daily Record*. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

There was a motion by Scott, second by McLelland, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2000 Commission meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Tom McAlister, RWU Manager, brought up the new contract with Pinnacle Golf and Country Club for the use of wastewater treatment plant effluent for golf course irrigation. McAlister said that the provisions of the contract had been agreed to by Pinnacle, as evidenced by the signature of the golf course superintendent. Motion by Scott, second by McLelland, to approve the contract as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, Utilities Engineer. Johnson said that the sewer extension project on North Second Street was close to completion. The sewer project in the Southwest part of Rogers, termed Phase VI, had been designed, he said. He said the project was so large that it had been split into two phases. Crafton, Tull, and Associates, the consultants on the project, had produced easement documents. He said that the project would be bid when approximately 75% of the easements had been procured.

Continuing, Johnson said that the sewer extension project to serve the Southeast area of Rogers had been designed in-house, but he was reluctant to bid the project, since the 1998 Sewer bond funds were very close to being fully committed to other areas with critical septic tank problems. He referred to a letter (a copy of which is included herein) received from Vernon Schmiegelow, a resident of the area, who wanted water and sewer service. Johnson took exception to some of the accusations contained in the letter, saying that the Commission was not extending sewer into the newly annexed areas of the City of Rogers. McLelland asked if Mr. Schmiegelow had ever come to a Commission meeting. McAlister said that he did not think so. No action was taken on the letter from Schmiegelow.

Pittman asked about the status of the situation with Bob Pinson, the boring contractor for Longview Mobile Home Park, whose work had been disapproved by the Rogers Water Utilities staff. Johnson said that he had had no more communication from

Pinson. Jim Clark said that he had talked to Pinson's attorney, but he doubted whether Pinson had grounds to sue the Utilities.

Mark Johnson said that the water line project on Laurel Road had slowed to a halt because the necessary easements had not been obtained. Johnson said that the waterline project for Garret lane would be bid next week. He also said that the project to protect the 30-inch waterline at 28<sup>th</sup> and Walnut Street would be bid next month.

Moore asked Johnson about the status of the water and sewer relocation work in South 26<sup>th</sup> St. Johnson said that water relocation had been complete for some time. What about West Oak Street? Johnson said that the contractor had already moved the water and sewer main lines, and that there should be no further cost to the Commission, except for some minor adjustments.

Pittman asked about the status of the water tank property that the Commission had approved the purchase of a few months back. Johnson said that the property was going through the subdivision regulations of the Rogers Planning Commission, and that the project was taking longer than he expected. He said that the owner of the property, Lloyd Scudder, had been notified of the delay.

Moore recognized Mike Lawrence, Rogers Pollution Control Facility Manager. Lawrence presented the Commission with a bid tabulation for the replacement of a 1987 John Deere tractor. The low bid was from Williams Tractor, for \$12,000, with trade-in. Motion by Scott, second by McLelland, to approve the low bid. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Joyce Johnson, Utilities Controller. Johnson presented the July financial sheets. No exceptions to the statements were noted.

The meeting Adjourned at 4:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary  
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