

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

Minutes

September 20, 1999

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM, Monday, September 20, 1999, in the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners Donnie Moore, Jerry Pittman, and Beck Scott were present. Dick McLelland and Lon Pepple were absent. Rogers Water Utilities staff in attendance were Tom McAlister, Robert Moore, David Staib, Joyce Johnson, Mike Lawrence, Don Roberts, Mark Johnson, and Earl Rausch. Others in attendance were Ben Lipscomb, Tom Sissom, Jeana Walker, and Fred Wanger. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

There was a motion by Scott, second by Pittman, to approve the minutes to the August 23 and September 2 Commission meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, Utilities Engineer. Johnson told the Commission that the proposed waterline in Bellview and Garrett Rd. was being held up for a few easements that had yet to be signed. Johnson said the sewer for PGI Fibertech had been built and was in service. He said that the sewer to Harris Baking Company was almost finished. He said that the Harris Baking sewer line contractor, McClinton-Anchor, was scheduled to start on Phase I of the 1998 Sewer Bond sewer improvements in a few weeks.

Johnson said that Phase II and III of the sewer improvement project had been advertised and bid, and that one bid had been received for each phase. McClinton-Anchor had bid \$733,391 for Phase II, and \$1,070,684 for Phase III. He said that the bids were 70 percent higher than the engineer's estimate. After some discussion, there was a motion by Scott, second by Pittman, to reject the bids, and allow the staff to negotiate with contractors for prices to do the work. Ben Lipscomb, City Attorney, said that the Commission had authority to reject any and all bids, and also could negotiate a fee with a contractor and award a contract, after waiving the requirements of competitive bidding.

Mark Johnson told the Commission that the 30-inch water line under Turtle Creek at West Walnut and 28th St. was exposed due to increased flow from all the development in the area. Several attempts had been made to protect the line, but the high water from flood events would undermine and remove the concrete caps on the water line. In order to protect the transmission main, Johnson said that a concrete apron should be built over the line, with toe walls to protect from erosion. He estimated the cost at about \$40,000. McAlister said that Bentonville should pay for half the cost, since the main was half

theirs. Motion by Pittman, second by Scott, to allow the staff to design the apron and seek bids for the project. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Don Roberts, Superintendent of Field Operations. Roberts presented the Commission with bids to replace two pickup trucks and a dump truck. The lowest bidder on the pickups was Bob Maloney Ford for a total of \$24,676 plus trades. The lowest bidder on the dump truck was Kent Rylee Chevy – Olds at \$37,989 plus trade. Motion by Scott, second by Pittman to approve the low bids. Scott and Pittman voted “aye”, Moore voted “nay”. Motion carried.

Moore recognized Fred Wanger, 11040 Garret Road. Wanger asked for water service at his residence, which had been recently been annexed into Rogers. The water line project to serve the area had been bid and a contractor was waiting for a notice to proceed, pending the acquisition of a few easements. Wanger was assured that his residence could easily be served by the proposed project. Wanger said that his well water was “bad” and that he owned an ultraviolet irradiation unit for disinfection on his well.

Tom McAlister recognized David Staib, Biosolids Specialist at the Rogers Pollution Control, with a Certificate of appreciation for five years of service.

Joyce Johnson, Controller for the Utilities, presented the Commission with the August financial sheets. She said it was a good month, due to strong demand brought on by the dry hot summer months. No objections were taken to the statements.

Johnson said that the audit reports would not be ready until next month, due to error corrections in the initial draft report.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary
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