

# **Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission**

**October 21, 2013**

## **Minutes**

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regular meeting at 4:00 PM on Monday, October 21, 2013, in the Rogers Water Utilities Administration Building. Present were Commissioners Don Kendall, Roger Surly, Travis Greene, Jene' Huffman-Gilreath and Kathy McClure. Rogers Water Utilities staff in attendance were Joyce Johnson, Johnny Lunsford, David Staib, William Evans, Jordan Waterhouse, Jennifer Lattin, Pat Sharp, Randy Watson, Billy Tyler, Adan Perez, Stephen Ponder, Vera Hall and Earl Rausch. Others in attendance were Deputy City Attorney Jim Clark, City Planner Derrel Smith and Jill Grimsley Drewyor of Mitchell Williams Law Firm. Chairman Don Kendall called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Kendall recognized Johnny Lunsford, Sewer Field Operations Manager. Lunsford presented a certificate and a gift to Billy Tyler, Team Leader, to commemorate ten years of service to RWU and the citizens of Rogers.

Chairman Kendall recognized Randy Watson, Meter Reading Supervisor. Watson presented a certificate and a gift to Adan Perez, Meter Reader I, to commemorate five years of service to RWU and the citizens of Rogers.

There was a motion by Surly, second by McClure to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 regular meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kendall recognized Joyce Johnson, Utilities Controller. Johnson presented the financial reports for September 2013. For the first quarter of FY 14, the water department profit is less than the profit for the first quarter of FY13. For the month of September 2013, the water department had a profit of \$120,000 as compared to a profit of \$228,000 for the month of September 2012. RWU expects to have a stronger month in October due to the fact that water purchases have been strong during September 2013. The sewer department is performing quite well financially for the year. Water consumption is down 5.5% from 2012; however, sewer consumption is basically the same as the prior year. Greene asked about the City of Rogers consumption reports. Johnson stated the first report represents the cost of water purchased from Beaver Water District and the second report represents the value if we billed the City at our current rates. Greene asked about the aquatic park cost to the utility. William Evans stated the aquatic center used 3 million gallons last month and 2.5 million gallons the month before. Surly asked if the usage was more that the adult wellness center. Evans stated the aquatic center usage was equal to the sports park. Huffman-Gilreath asked what the previous cost was for the aquatic center. Johnson stated the cost was \$11,773 for the three meters at the aquatic center for the past twelve months. Johnson asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Kendall recognized Earl Rausch, Interim Utility Superintendent for the Staff report. Rausch stated the October department reports indicated normal operations. The lift station overflow reported in the newspaper was in the City of Bentonville service area. The engineering report shows that the sanitary sewer rehabilitation phase 2 is complete. The sewer monitoring project has meters in place and is waiting for a big rain event. The engineering department will advertise the Price Lane water relocation and sewer extension project (to facilitate the city street widening project) and bids should be presented to the Commission at the November meeting. The pollution control DMR shows the wastewater plant is running good with phosphorus discharge levels of 0.2 mg/l. The Osage Creek phosphorus values are trending down. The FOG program inspected nine restaurants in September. The water department reported that lost water is at 9% for the month and 13% for the year. William Evans stated that even with a wet August, more water was consumed so the yearly average should trend down in October. The sewer department had three mini lift station manhole overflows. Surly asked if the number of door hangers matching the shut off numbers is normal. Evans and Rausch stated the shut off notices are mailed now; a process that was changed during the month. Rausch asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

Chairman Kendall inquired about the status of South East Poultry odor problem/water meter shut off. There was much discussion concerning the odor problem/water meter shut off.

Chairman Kendall recognized Joyce Johnson. Johnson presented the resolution for the payoff of the 1996 ADFA bonds. Johnson stated a change has occurred in the payoff date. RWU will now be paying off the bonds on November 25, 2013. ADFA asked us to accelerate the date or delay the date. We chose to accelerate the date to November 25, 2013 which will save RWU approximately \$20,000 in interest expense. Jill Drewyor, bond attorney, stated that if the Commission approves the resolution, then the next step is to present the resolution to the City Council on October 22, 2013 for their approval. Chairman Kendall asked if the Commission had already approved the resolution. Drewyor stated the Commission has not approved the November 25<sup>th</sup> payoff date. There was a motion by McClure, second by Greene to approve the resolution to pay off the 1996 ADFA bonds. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kendall recognized Joyce Johnson. Johnson presented water and sewer department trends for 2007-2013 to the Commission for information purposes.

Chairman Kendall adjourned the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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