

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

November 16, 1998

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM, Monday, November 16, 1998, at the Rogers Water Utilities Training Center. Commissioners Lon Pepple, Jerry Pittman, Beck Scott, and Donnie Moore were present. Dick McLelland was absent. Rogers Water Utilities staff present were Tom McAlister, Joyce Johnson, Don Roberts, Mark Johnson, and Mike Lawrence. Tonya McKiever of the *Benton County Daily Record* was present. Chairman Moore called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

Motion by Pittman, second by Pepple, to approve the minutes as submitted. All in favor, the motion passed.

The issue of Christmas bonuses for RWU employees was discussed. McAlister brought a proposal that would bring the Utilities' practice in line with the City of Rogers. Motion by Pittman, second by Scott, to approve the bonuses as proposed, and that the matter be brought to the Commission next year for review. All in favor, motion carried.

Moore recognized Mark Johnson, Utilities Engineer. Johnson brought the Commission up-to-date on the Utilities' projects. Johnson said that the work on West Walnut was complete, as were the utility relocations in Hillcrest and Fairgrounds additions. The off-site sewer for Walter Schrader had been sent to the Arkansas Department of Health. The lift station demise project had just started. Moore asked about the South Dixieland Project? Johnson said that the contractor was finished moving the sewer lines, and had started relocating the water lines. Pittman asked about the progress on the water tank project? Johnson said that the location of the tank and the design of the tank were still being studied. He said that tank recommended by our consulting engineer (ground tank, pump station) was the lowest cost alternative, but it represented operational problems for the Utilities as well as for Beaver Water District. An elevated tank would help with the operation of the system, but the cost would be much higher. McAlister said that the drought of last summer had caused certain operational problems that had not surfaced before. He said that he, Bentonville, and Beaver Water District had met and talked about a hydraulic analysis project for the entire system, from Beaver Water District to Bella Vista, in order to determine the optimal tank – pump station configuration. Johnson said that several sites were being appraised for land value.

Moore recognized Joyce Johnson, Controller for the Utilities. Joyce presented the financial sheets for the proceeding month. The statements were accepted without comment.

The next Commission meeting date was set for Thursday, December 17.

McAlister reminded the Commission of the employee Christmas party on December 18. Also, he announced the first-ever RWU Customer Appreciation Day on December 4.

The meeting adjourned at 4:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom S. McAlister, Acting Secretary
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