

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

December 21, 2015

Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regular scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM Monday, December 21, 2015 in the Rogers Water Administration Building. Present were Commissioners Travis Greene, Roger Surly, Don Kendall, and Jene' Huffman-Gilreath. Commissioner Kathy McClure was absent. Present was Rogers Water Utilities staff Earl Rausch, Brent Dobler, Johnny Lunsford, Joyce Johnson, Stephen Ponder, Brian Sartain, Vera Hall, Robert Moore, Randy Watson, and Donna Wilson. Others in attendance were Robert Frazier of the Frazier Law Firm, and Derrel Smith, City of Rogers Senior Planner. Chairman Surly called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

There was a motion by Commissioner Jene' Huffman-Gilreath, second by Commissioner Don Kendall to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Surly recognized Robert Frazier of the Frazier Law Firm as RWU legal representation. Frazier presented a brief report on the Department of Justice Investigation regarding Liquid Aluminum Sulfate Contracts. This chemical is currently used at the Rogers Pollution Control Facility. The investigation pertains to an alleged bid rigging of Liquid Aluminum Sulfate prices by a Mr. Reichl of a chemical company in New Jersey. Frazier stated he will report additional information as it becomes available. Chairman Surly asked if there was any potential risk or liability. Frazier replied there was no liability presented as a plaintiff but there is always a risk of counterclaims. Surly ask the amount of the chemical purchases. Frazier stated approximately 15-20,000 dollars per year. There were no further questions.

Chairman Surly recognized Earl Rausch, Utility Superintendent for the presentation of Resolution No. 15-09. This Resolution is to retire the RWU Section 125 Cafeteria Plan and adopt the City of Rogers Amended Section 125 Cafeteria Plan. After staff review, Rausch recommends this change to allow RWU to participate in the City of Rogers Amended Section 125 Cafeteria Plan which will provide more benefit options and feels is in the best interest of RWU employees. Chairman Surly made a motion, second by Commissioner Kendall to approve Resolution No. 15-09 as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

With no further business, Chairman Surly adjourned the meeting at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Earl Rausch, Acting Secretary/djw

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