

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission
March 20, 2023
Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM Monday, March 20, 2023, in the Rogers Water Utilities Administration Building located at 601 S 2nd Street. Present were Commissioners Roger Surly, Travis Greene, Kathy McClure, and Peter Farmer. Rogers Water Utilities staff present were Jerry Roegner, Jennifer Lattin, Johnny Lunsford, David Staib, Aaron Short, Debbie Putman and Brent Dobler. Also in attendance was Bob David, Julie Vaught and Brenda Christian from Three Flags Investments, Robert Frazier with the Frazier Law Firm and Jerry Carmichael.

Chairman Farmer called the meeting to order at 4:00PM and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023, Water & Sewer Commission Meeting. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Surly. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Farmer then recognized Jennifer Lattin to present the Financial Reports. She presented the February numbers. The water department billed revenue and consumption were up year over year with a profit of \$214,000. Impact and access fees were down year over year. The sewer department billed revenue was up as well, but the department had a loss of \$101,000 for the month. She explained that the loss for the month in the sewer department was a result of reclassifying \$460,000 from "capital in progress" to "expense" in an ongoing project. Maintenance versus rehabilitation. No further reclasses will be required. Sewer department impact and access fees were down year over year. Total restricted and unrestricted funds were \$47.2 million for February 2023, an increase of \$3.6 million from February 2022. Year to date profit is ahead of budget in both departments. Shutoffs and penalties have now been reinstated with an extra notification in place to give additional awareness to people who may be behind. We have had a slight increase in payment plans as a result and continue to work so that our rate payers can maintain water and sewer services to their residences. Commissioner Greene asked how many months were included in the reclassification, Jennifer replied that the reclassification included monies spent since January 1. There were no other questions.

Chairman Farmer then recognized David Staib for the RPCF reports. Staib stated that the wastewater facility was well within all required state permits for the month. Industrial pre-treatment for the month resulted in one small violation (small surcharge) for one industrial customer. FOG inspection visited 60 facilities and rectified any outstanding issues. Still looking for a new plant maintenance employee. Treated 293.7M gallons in February. This equates to approximately 110M gallons from inflow and infiltration. The plant had over 4" of rain over 10 events that kept the ground saturated. The facility averaged 12.4MGD treated for the month. The plant had one overflow during the month. The filter is operating well since new tracking wheels were installed. Farmer confirmed that we can treat up to 14MGD. Staib confirmed. Staib elaborated that we have 12.5 million gallons of storage in the equalization basins. There were no further questions.

Commissioner Farmer then recognized Johnny Lunsford for the operations reports. Johnny informed the Commission that Garver Engineers has estimated that RWU is saving approximately \$120,000 annually by utilizing the acoustic leak sensors. We will continue to install these across the city. A large inflow was found and repaired along a creek that was allowing approximately 500,000 gallons per day of inflow to our sanitary sewer system. The bore permit program has been working well and we have been contacted by several other cities to help them set up their own similar administrative processes.

Commissioner Farmer then recognized Aaron Short to present the bid results for the 2023 Miscellaneous Water Line improvements. Two bids came in, the low bid was \$1,876,995.60 from Boyles Construction out of Little Rock. The bid from Boyles was lower than the engineer's estimate of \$2,340,616.00. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the low bid from Boyles, Commissioner Surly seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

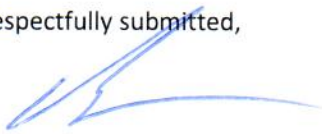
Commissioner Farmer then recognized Jerry Roegner to present Resolution 23-06 Authorizing Renewal of Network and System Security Monitoring Contract with Comsys. The cost per unit remains the same. Commissioner Greene asked why this had to come before the Commission. Frazier responded that it is a requirement of the contract that this be renewed by the Commission for each additional year. Commissioner McClure made a motion, Commissioner Greene approved. All in favor, Resolution 23-06 passed.

Commissioner Farmer then recognized Brent Dobler to present Amendment #3 to the Professional Services Agreement for RPCF Solids Handling Facility PhII. He explained that the amendment is to prepare the complex purchasing agreements (including ANRC funding language) required for the two roughly \$10M pieces of equipment RWU will decide on and purchase in the near future. He then showed renderings of both facilities. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve, Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Dobler went on to present Resolution 23-07, a Resolution Authorizing the Decommissioning of the Persimmon Street Elevated Storage Tank. Dobler explained that this is required so that we can inform AT&T that they cannot renew their contract. Commissioner Surly made a motion to approve Resolution 23-07, Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor, Resolution 23-07 passed.

With no further business, Chairman Farmer adjourned the meeting at 4:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Brent Dobler, Acting Secretary
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