

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission

August 19, 2024

Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its regularly scheduled meeting at 4:00 PM Monday, August 19, 2024, in the Rogers Administration Building located at 601 S 2nd Street. Present were Commissioners Jerry Carmichael, Kathy McClure, Travis Greene and Paige Sultemeier. Rogers Water Utilities staff present were Jered Sigmon, Brian Sartain, Todd Beaver, Johnny Lunsford, Debbie Putman, Dana Daniel, Mark Landis, Aaron Short, David Ingram, Mario Morales, Jerry Roegner and Brent Dobler. Robert Frazier, with the Frazier Law Firm, was also in attendance.

Chairman Carmichael called the meeting to order at 4:00PM. Chairman Carmichael then asked for a motion to approve the July 22, 2024, Water and Sewer Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve, and Commissioner McClure seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present the financial reports for July 2024. YTD Income in the water department was \$590,926.33. YTD Income in the Sewer department was \$598,226.48. Billed revenue for the month in the Water department was \$1,830,022 a 6.8% YOY increase. Billed revenue for the month in the Sewer department was \$1,550,837 a 7.4% YOY increase. Water consumption was up 1.3% YOY at 355,071,000 gallons, and Sewer consumption was up 3.6% YOY at \$198,553,700 gallons. With 8.3% of the year passed, revenues in the Water department were at 9.5% and expenses were at 8.6%. In the Sewer department, revenues were at 7.1% and expenses were at 6.9%. Total unrestricted and restricted funds are at \$50.1M, versus \$48.0M in July of 2023. The 12-month rolling average for lost water stands at 7.3%. Mr. Sigmon also stated that our annual audit will be taking place in September.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to go over the Engineering reports. Mr. Sartain stated that the department had reviewed 104 total plan sets including 29 large scale developments such as the Temple Live sixteen story hotel and convention center and Gilbert Plaza at 4th and Walnut. RWU has also reviewed the new soccer stadium at Promenade as well. 47 commercial building plans were reviewed in August as well. He presented a map of the proposed development locations and mentioned that the I-49 and Pleasant Grove interchange is most likely our next development frontier as we are seeing quite a bit of pre-design. The new Unified Development Code was approved by the City of Rogers during the month also. Commissioner Carmichael asked Brian if RWU had any concerns with the new code. Mr. Sartain explained that the only concerns we have are in some of the very dense areas where RWU's utilities will be located under the streets. This is not a big problem of and by itself, but many of these streets will be designed as stormwater retention facilities and RWU will have to ensure that separation, where necessary, is adequately addressed. He then briefly elaborated on the project status of the S. 1st Street sewer capacity bottleneck as well as downstream constraints. The Highway 112 widening utility relocation is under design. RWU received 0 bids on the 5th & Walnut water and sewer line replacement and will address later in the meeting. The Uptown & Oak St overpass was completed. Brian stated that Danny Lester (RWU) has been managing the sewer maintenance contracts in Field Ops and has been doing an outstanding job. RWU is still on schedule for an October start date on the RPCF Solids Handling Facility. Alignment design work continues the water transmission main from the new

Beaver Water District Western Corridor Pump Station. The Pinnacle sewer project is moving forward, but we do have an issue with the sod restoration that will be addressed later in the meeting.

Commissioner Carmichael then recognized Todd Beaver to go over the RPCF reports. An issue did arise at the plant over the weekend, and that is why the phosphorus numbers are somewhat elevated. However, we were still well within our limits. All others were fine. He then gave a report on the replacement of the dryer gearbox. This did take longer than anticipated but was now complete. The RPCF treated 305.5 MG in July, meaning we treated 26.5 from I and I. These flows included 3.26" of rain over 8 events. The historical average rainfall for July is 4.2". He noted that our dry weather flows were adjusted up .5 MGD which is consistent with our growth data.

Commissioner Carmichael then recognized Brent Dobler to present RESOLUTION 24-25 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE PROPERTY RESTORATION; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUND FOR THE PURCHASES; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Dobler presented a map showing what remains to be completed as far as sod replacement on the Pinnacle Golf Course. He stated that this resolution would allow RWU to complete the sod installation only if all other avenues fail. Current negotiations are underway, and this Resolution will only be utilized if the current negotiations fail. This is a contingency so that the golf course portion of the project can be completed in time for the LPGA tournament next month. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 24-25 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF MATERIALS AND SERVICES FOR THE PROPERTY RESTORATION; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUND FOR THE PURCHASES; WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Commissioner Sultemeier seconded the motion. All in favor, RESOLUTION 24-25 passes.

Commissioner Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present RESOLUTION 24-26 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACTING PROCEDURES FOR THE 5TH AND WALNUT WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Mr. Sartain stated that the street department has found an issue at this location. Upon RWU being notified of the issue, RWU requested bids from qualified contractors, however, no bids were received. This Resolution will allow RWU to use emergency procurement procedures to perform the work at 5th & Walnut. Commissioner Sultemeier made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 24-26 AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACTING PROCEDURES FOR THE 5TH AND WALNUT WATER AND SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Commissioner McClure seconded the motion. All in favor, RESOLUTION 24-26 passes.

With no further items, Commissioner Carmichael called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McClure made a motion and Commissioner Greene seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brent Dobler/Secretary

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