

**Minutes
PW Committee
April 6, 2015
6:00 PM
2nd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Larry Goodson, Committee members Dale Black, and Bob Cook. PW Director Mike Lambert and Trey Eubanks, City Administrator were also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Goodson
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and approval of minutes- Councilman Cook made a motion to approve the minutes. Councilman Black asked about the bond payment that is paid monthly. The minutes reference \$90,000 a month, and that is incorrect. The minutes will be changed to reflect the correct amount. With that correction, Councilman Black seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).
4. Reports or communications from city officers
 - a. Budget report- All divisions are tracking well.

Councilman Black asked about sewer repair. He asked if we still haven't paid anything out of the 970 account. There is \$50,000 in there. Trey said we will be spending some of the money. We were waiting on the engineer selection. Basin one is about wrapped up and now that the engineer is on board we will be drawing it down over the next couple of months. Repairs and work to date have been taken out of operations. Some are sent to the engineer because they are beyond what we can do. Pipe relining and other things like this will be bid out for the best unit price. This will come out of the 970 account. Councilman Black said nothing has been taken out in over a year. He asked if nothing has been done. Trey said things have been done, and that we have waited on the selection of an engineering firm to bid out the bond work so we will get the best unit prices for the work we do.

Councilman Black also asked about the Davis and Floyd expense. That is the CF Sauer line. They have increased production and the line is close to 70% capacity at peak. Davis and Floyd is coordinating with us, CF Sauer, and ReWa for improvement to the line's capacity. We are also

taking into account the undeveloped property across N Main from CS Sauer.

5. Unfinished business.

6. New business.

- a. Sewer laterals- Chairman Goodson said he would like to talk about installing 54 cleanout caps. Trey recommends that we can do this. The smoke testing indicates that there are public and private issues. A number of them are cleanout caps on private property. The City can take the information we learned last summer and talk to the property owners about installing the caps. Chairman Goodson asked if we could give them a cap. Trey said a policy would need to be developed for us to give away something. The first step would be to notify them. Mike Lambert said we are working on a notification process if we identify an issue on private property.

Councilman Black said his report said 17 are broken and 16 are missing. He said we would have a problem since we can't go on private property. Councilman Cook said it would cause a problem and we would have to do it for everyone. Mike said first we should go through the notification process. Councilman Black said we need to talk to DHEC. Councilman Cook asked about CDBG money. Trey said those funds are income qualified and we would have a problem with equity then. Chairman Goodson asked about having a stock of 100 and the residents could pick one up. They probably cost around \$2.50 a piece. Trey said that would be a good option. Trey said we can also provide a diagram where the cleanout could be redone and you set it into the ground reducing the opportunity for damage. Councilman Cook asked if the caps could be added to the door hanger.

Councilman Black made a motion to contact DHEC regarding any mandates for cleanout caps. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

- b. Sewer salaries- Chairman Goodson would like to see that salaries are for the people we have. If there are four employees, we would have four salaries. We should be able to save money that way. Any savings could be put in the fund balance. Councilman Black said there are eight people plus office people being funded through sewer. Chairman Goodson said he would like a full-time supervisor just short of an engineer. Councilman Cook said Trey and Holly could come back with some options for what can be done. Councilman Black said the whole package needs to be included. He said he is in favor of it. We need to make sure we need the people before we just hire for vacancies.

Councilman Black made a motion to have the people we need, but not have the money for the vacancies. This item will remain in committee. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

- c. Park improvements- Chairman Goodson asked that Rec and PW meet at the park to talk about improvements and then bring the recommendations back to committee. Councilman Black asked that Springfield Park be a priority. We haven't done anything with it except lighting in many years. It is also our oldest park. He said the park at Tyger River for little league is worlds apart from Springfield. Chairman Goodson said we might be able to get everything ready for football. Councilman Black made a motion to schedule a meeting at the park for this reason. Councilman Cook seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

7. Public Comment

Leo Joyce: What do other municipalities do on the cleanup caps?

Trey Eubanks: Metro Sewer maintains from the right of way to the trunk line. I am not aware of any municipality in the Upstate that does work on private property.

Leo Joyce: You could check with ReWa if we have to condemn the property.

Trey Eubanks: DHEC is the enforcement agency. We are going to check the mandates. We will see how effective it is to talk to the property owners.

8. Committee concerns.

Councilman Black said he got a call today about the sprinkler system for the Garden Club. I asked several meetings ago about getting this purchased or fixed. Are they working? I have heard they are not.

Trey Eubanks: I heard this afternoon that the irrigation at the Senior Center is not working. We are going to check into that. I will say this. The Garden Club approved the system installed. We wanted their input because they do a lot of work for the city. The recent project is the Senior Center Courtyard. We are also going to assign a staff member the responsibility of checking the system routinely. I learned this one is battery operated. We are going to look at upgrading this. Councilman Black asked if the one at the cultural center is battery operated. Trey said he didn't think so. Councilman Black said several members of the Garden Club were out there at 11:00 pm watering the plants so they wouldn't die. Councilman Black said he wants the system fixed instead of doing it piecemeal and throwing good money after bad. He doesn't know why the system at the Senior Center was approved with a battery. He said that would have constant maintenance. We need one with a timer that we can override during the winter months.

Councilman Cook said if the irrigation doesn't work, the plants will get watered. The staff person can water it if it is not working.

Chairman Goodson asked about the sidewalk and the slate base for the plaques. He said those projects need to be finished by Memorial Day whatever it takes. Mike said staff is meeting with the stone mason that did the work at Cleveland Park. That will take care of the bases. Phase 2 of the sidewalk- we are in contact with the contractor that did the work for the first phase. The sign for the Veterans is being done by PW and should be complete next week.

9. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

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