

**Minutes**  
**Special Called Public Works Committee**  
**August 13, 2015**  
**4:30 PM**

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

1. Call to order- Chairman Goodson
2. Old Business:
  - a. Sewer agreement- Gene McCall and Ron Lawson were present to answer questions. A new site plan was submitted. Chairman Goodson asked about the force main. Mr. McCall said there are two of those. One is a gravity line. Councilman Black asked how it got to the manhole. Chairman Goodson said it is pumped in. Councilman Black said there may be a non-recorded easement. Councilman Black said he is worried about it cutting across the property line. Ron Lawson said the developer's engineer would take care of that. It is not the City's problem. Chairman Goodson said they wouldn't know until they came in and cut the line.

Chairman Goodson asked for a synopsis so that everyone is on the same page. Trey said Ron recommended that we have Gene evaluate the design of the proposed lift station and comment on the design. This will be the City's lift station to own and maintain. Gene did a thorough job and offered comments and proposed changes to the design. The changes have been implemented. Gene said there would be a \$408 charge on their tax bill for the lift station. It will be the largest charge except for the school district. Ron Lawson said the developer would have a set of covenants. The real estate agents are supposed to disclose this type of information. Councilman Black said what if the houses are developed and only five houses sell of the 45 houses, then what? What recourse do you have? Mr. McCall said that happened in Easley. The City lost money because they were paying for the pump station.

Councilman Cook said he has a problem with the lift station. The whole thing has not been clear. Councilman Black asked how we were going to get the lift

station money out of a bank if the property is foreclosed on. Councilman Cook said if they can do the sewer without a pump station, he does not have a problem this this. If not, then he does have a problem with this.

Councilman Cook said he is worried that no one is going to tell the homeowner about the lift station fee per year. Mike asked the construction price of the pump station. Gene McCall estimated \$250,000.

Ron said Metro has to sign off on this project because they have to accept the capacity. Councilman Black said we need to send this back to the developer and let the engineer do what they need to do. Councilman Cook said they need to do their work. Mr. McCall said this design could be dangerous. If there is flooding, it could flow down to the pump station and render it inoperable.

Trey said he will communicate with Arbor Engineering that the committee wants gravity feed if possible, for them to check on Metro approval, and assurances that this pump station will be funded if the development goes belly-up.

Mike just pointed out that manhole 1644 is our manhole. It is 600-700 feet away. This could open some of the adjacent properties up for sewer.

Due to existing issues that are yet to be resolved, this item will stay in committee.

3. Public comment.
4. Committee concerns.- Chairman Goodson asked about GPS for boom trucks that pick up yard debris. Councilman Cook asked how Mike would keep up with it. Chairman Goodson said the supervisor could check and see where the trucks are located. Mike said the current devices we have were purchased in 2008. The company, Pinpoint, divided and Mauldin's account went to Logic Concepts. Mike called Logic Concepts to try and get them repaired. The company that was going to try and repair them went out of business. Logic Concepts has been trying to

send the units to Hong Kong for repair. Now, some refurbished units have been located. These units are 7 years old. Logic Concepts is going to install one of the units tomorrow to see how it will work. They have said they will put something in motion so we can try it out. They will do this free of charge to the end of the year. After that, if we are happy with the units, we will start paying the yearly fee. Mike said he was also going to be looking at new units to see how much they will cost and if there is a yearly fee through the newer ones. Mike said he talked to another City and the man he talked to showed him his cell phone and he could see where his four trucks were at that time. Chairman Goodson said he wants to move forward.

Chairman Goodson then asked if we were safe with just one person on a boom truck. Councilman Cook said he doesn't know if we can get more inmates, but he would like to see them clean up after themselves. Trey said the trucks were bought to be a one-man operation. We get 12-14 inmates a day, so we don't have enough labor. Mike said we are top of the list, but the district warden has reduced the inmate count from three per cell to two per cell, so there are fewer inmates now. Councilman Cook said we can look into what we can do about this. Councilman Cook asked how much can be put out. Mike said 4 cubic yards per pickup. We tell our drivers to not be so strict, if six yards are out there, get it. If it is three times the amount, get half and tag the rest and pick it up the next time.

Chairman Goodson said one day he was behind a garbage truck going past Donaldson on West Georgia Road. He asked if they were going to Twin Chimneys. Mike answered yes. Then Chairman Goodson said there were two guys in the trucks with blue shirts. Do we always send two guys to Twin Chimneys? Mike said they normally don't go until late afternoon. There could be several scenarios. Sometimes two people go, but normally two do not go.

Chairman Goodson asked about the guy in the white pick-up truck. Mike said there is a floater who delivers cans, picks up electronics, gets lunch for the inmates, or rides the trash route looking for things that are out of the ordinary to pick up. Councilman Cook said the GPS could mark things that need to be picked up later.

Chairman Goodson said the GPS is going to make the employees more serious.

5. Adjournment.- Chairman Goodson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Miller

Municipal Clerk