

Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2014

Time: 6:43 P.M.

Location: Boswell Municipal Complex Conference Room

Members Present: Chairperson Robert Griffin, Vice Chairperson Wade Boone, Linda Levart, Jack Moseley, Jason Patterson, Kathy Barber, Madison McEntire

Members Absent: Alan Kays, Mike Chandler

Staff Present: Monty Ledbetter, Howard Hoover, Russell Kitchens, Scott Chandler, Esther McCallum

Others Present: Amanda Adair, Mike Bolin

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Robert Griffin at 6:43 P.M.

February Minutes: Motion to Approve Minutes as Presented Kathy Barber
Motion Seconded Jason Patterson
Motion carried with all aye votes

Note: Prior to the start of the meeting members of the Committee met in the Courtroom with the F&P Committee where representatives of Friday, Eldredge & Clark, Stephens, Inc., and Crews and Associates reviewed a Memorandum regarding the Series 2008 Water and Sewer Refunding Revenue Bonds proposal that will go before the City Council.

Financials: No financial report was available. A one page summary of the 2014 Budget was included in packets showing a comparison of budgets from 2010 through the 2014 Budget that was just approved by City Council. Finance had not completed the reconciliation of the year 2013. A 2014 Budget document will be presented at the March meeting. Ms. McCallum hopes to have 2013 completed, but is unable to promise that at this time. Discussion by Members focused on the frustration of not having financial reports for several months and a concern that the system may be falling below the 110% Coverage required by bond obligations. Monty expressed that we ended the 2013 year conservatively and he expects the reconciliation to be ok.

Citizen's Concerns: There were no requests.

Old Business:

New Business: **Collegeville Mobil Home Park Sewer** – Mr. Mike Bolin presented a proposal on behalf of the residents of the Collegeville area. The County Judge is seeking a grant to reconstruct the existing sewer system, replace the existing detention pond with a pump station and pump the waste into the

Bryant sewer system. Amanda Adair is working on the grant proposal. Mr. Bolin explained that the system would be entirely funded through the grant and would not cost the City anything. The system would be constructed to Bryant standards and specifications. Monty noted that the Committee could make a recommendation but the City Council would have the final say about allowing the connection and that it would require the residents to sign a pre-annexation agreement. The area is not currently contiguous to the City. Committee members expressed concern about the ability of the residents to pay a monthly sewer bill. Currently the water is provided by the Salem Water Users Association. Bryant provides wastewater collection to a number of customers who are served by Salem Water and Salem bills those customers for Bryant. Bryant pays Salem \$0.50 per customer. However, Salem would like to withdraw from that service. The question of how to handle a situation at Collegeville where the customer could not or would not pay the sewer charge. What leverage would the system have for collecting unpaid bills? The consensus was that the Committee wants to help but some issues need to be addressed before making a recommendation to City Council. Monty asked Mr. Bolin to facilitate a meeting with the County Judge, a representative of Salem and the City of Bryant to discuss the structure further.

2008 Series A&B Bonds – Refunding Proposal – The Committee reviewed the three amortization schedules included in the Stephens Memorandum. Monty expressed a preference for Schedule 3 because it provides most of the savings in the first five years, a little less than \$100,000 per year. That amount would be useful in approaching projects for the water and sewer systems as well as provide some relief to our budgets. Linda Levart moved to recommend Schedule 3 to the City Council for the proposed refunding. Wade Boone seconded the motion. The motion passed with all aye votes.

SCADA System – Monty reviewed the proposal from Jack Tyler for continuing our SCADA System installation at our Sewer Pump Stations. The system will put all stations on a network that will provide alarms to staff when one of the stations has problems, allow staff to make remote adjustments to station controls and generally allow faster response to situations. The technology is specific to the type of pumps in use and software already in place. Jack Tyler is the only source of the technology in this region. Although City Council has previously approved the SCADA project, Monty will take the Jack Tyler proposal back to City Council with an ordinance to waive competitive bidding and accept the proposal.

Reports:

Water

Alcoa Road Extension – Monty explained that the Holiday Inn Express would have to acquire easements in order to connect to our water and sewer systems as they exist. It will work more efficiently for the City to extend the systems and charge an appropriate connection fee. If other property adjacent to the new motel develops they will have to negotiate with Holiday Inn for easements to connect. Presently the City of Benton has water service in the area and wants Bryant to purchase the 3 existing

services at \$8000 per service. Bob Griffin inquired whether the price is negotiable. City Council has approved the extension.

AMI Project – Mueller is finished with the meter installations. There is some remaining technical support. Mueller is required to meet a 100% reportable standard before they leave. We also have some training via webinars coming to our staff.

Hydrant Raising Project- Russell Kitchens reported that the contractor has a 12 more hydrants to raise. Because of the temperatures lately painting is impossible.

ANRC Projects – City Council approved the 16" CAW Water Line project in the 2014 Budget providing an additional \$350,000 to go with remaining DWSRF proceeds for the project. Bryant will be meeting with CAW to discuss easements.

Sewer

Manhole Rehab Project – The Manhole Rehab project is complete.

ANRC Projects – Monty reported that we are waiting on Health Department approval of Plans and Specs on our proposed sewer projects to be funded by the CWRLF program, including Pump Station Improvements, a 12" Force, Main and a Dewatering Facility. The overall cost will be roughly \$3,680,000. City Council approved adding an additional \$450,000 to complete the Dewatering Facility project.

Comments:

None

Adjournment:

With no further business, Mr. Griffin entertained a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Levart to adjourn, seconded by Jack Moseley. The motion carried with all aye votes. The next regular meeting of the Bryant Water and Sewer Advisory Committee will be March 4, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.

Robert Griffin
Chairperson

Howard Hoover
Administrative Operations Coordinator