

# Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting

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- Date:** Tuesday, June 3, 2014
- Time:** 6:00 P.M.
- Location:** Boswell Municipal Complex Conference Room
- Members Present:** Robert Griffin, Linda Levart, Alan Kays, Jason Patterson, Wade Boone, Jack Moseley, Mike Chandler, Kathy Barber
- Members Absent:** Madison McEntire
- Staff Present:** Howard Hoover, Scott Chandler, Mindy Cox, Monty Ledbetter, Buddy Fowler, Esther McCallum, Ken Rhone
- Others Present:** Brenda Miller
- Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Robert Griffin
- February Minutes:** Motion to Approve Minutes as Presented Linda Levart  
Motion Seconded Wade Boone  
Motion carried with all aye votes
- Financials:** Esther McCallum distributed the 2013 Financial Statement and reviewed the end of year revenues and expenses for Water and Wastewater. The statement must be published in the newspaper. She asked that they Committee recommend the statement to the City Council for publication.
- Linda Levart moved to recommend the 2013 Financial Statement to the City Council for publication. Wade Boone seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.
- Linda Levart moved to table further discussion of the total financial report till July in order for the Committee to have more time to review it. Kathy Barber seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes
- Citizen's Concerns:** **Ann Ogden – 904 Flametree** - Buddy Fowler presented Ms. Strachan's request for an reimbursement of minimum bill charges on her sprinkler system because she was not aware that she could have the meter turned off and the account put on hold. The Committee discussed the fact that the newsletter and website have publicized the availability of that service. Consensus was that no action should be taken.
- It was further suggested by the Committee that every spring the newsletter inform customers about the Water Department policy on filling swimming pools without sewer charges and every fall about suspending sprinkler meters for the winter months. The Committee asked whether there was any information sheet available to customers when they have a sprinkler meter installed. Buddy indicated that there is.
- New Business:** **DMR Letter to ADEQ** – Monty noted that the lab that provides testing for our DMR reports did not return results in time to meet ADEQ requirements. The letter was a self-reporting to ADEQ explaining why the DMR was late.
- 12" Water Main Break – Boil Order – Relocation Proposal** – Monty gave a report on the 12" water main break that required a Boil Order for everyone on the north side of Interstate 30. The break occurred around 2:45 in the morning. The new SCADA system at the Booster Station failed to set off an alarm because it was not programmed correctly. The programming has been reset. The leak might have been found sooner, but the system would likely have lost pressure regardless because of the size of the break. The line was bedded improperly and has been a continuing problem with at least 8 breaks during Monty's tenure in Bryant. The Water Department wants to

propose laying a new 12" line along the right-of-way path of the new Snooks Lane connecting Highway 5 at Echo Lake Boulevard to the Hilldale-Hilltop Intersection and abandoning the problem line near Midtown. There is only one customer on the old line and they could be served from Midtown. Monty asked the Committee to send a recommendation to construct the new water line to City Council based on cost information provided by engineers.

Kathy Barber moved to recommend to City Council, construction of a new 12" water main along the path of the new Snooks Lane at a cost not to exceed \$300,000. Linda Levart seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

**Old Business:**

**Central Arkansas Water Public Water Authority** – Monty reviewed the pending formation of the Saline Regional Water Public Water Authority (SRPwa) which formerly was to be named Central Arkansas Public Water Authority (CWAPWA). The new entity will replace the Saline Water Alliance, which will soon be abolished. The SWA has no authority to act. The new CWAPWA will be a governmental entity with the authority to do project, borrow money, and issue bonds. The PWA's authority will be related to new water sources for the area. Every member will have one vote so no single member will have more control than any other. Monty has recommended Jonathon Long to the Mayor as the delegated representative for Bryant. Jonathon is an engineer with extensive experience in the water field.

**2008 Series A&B Bonds – Refunding Proposal** – Any action is pending the completion of the 2013 Financial Statement and 2013 Audit.

**Reports:**

**Alcoa Road Extension** – The Alcoa Utilities Extension bids came in under the anticipated budget. The contractor was scheduled to start work on June 2, 2014. Work should be complete in 2 to 3 weeks.

**ANRC Projects**

- The 16" Water Main is ready to bid.
- The 12" Sewer Force Main is ready to bid.

Monty distributed a spreadsheet showing the numerous water and wastewater projects that have been accomplished in the last few years using the Federal funds. He noted that overall we have come in under the budgeted amount for the projects.

**SCADA System** – As reported in relation to the recent Boil Order, the SCADA system failed its first test, but has been reset. Members of the Committee questioned whether the contractor had any accountability for the failure. Monty replied that it was a miscommunication, that he did not understand our instructions.

**Budget Status Report** - No discussion

**Comments:**

Linda Levart brought up the Bryant Athletic Association's water bills for Alcoa Park and Ashley Park. The bills still have not been paid. She questioned how the water could have been left on with them being that delinquent. Buddy Fowler advised that the meters are now in the Parks Department's name and Parks will collect future bills from the Association. He has been told that final payment on the two concessions will be taken care of in the next two weeks.

The Committee asked Buddy to ask Derek Phillips to come to the next Committee meeting to address how future bills will be handled in relation to the Bryant Athletic Association.

**Adjournment:**

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

A motion was made by Linda Levart to adjourn, seconded by Wade Boone. The motion carried with all aye votes. The next regular meeting of the Bryant Water and Sewer Advisory Committee will be July 1, 2014 at 6:00 P.M in the Court Room.

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Robert Griffin  
Chairperson

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Howard Hoover  
Administrative Operations Coordinator