

# Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Meeting

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**Date:** Tuesday, July 1, 2014

**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Location:** Boswell Municipal Complex Conference Room

**Members Present:** Robert Griffin, Kathy Barber, Madison McEntire. Alan Kays, Jason Patterson, Wade Boone, Jack Moseley, Mike Chandler,

**Members Absent:** Linda Levart

**Staff Present:** Howard Hoover, Monty Ledbetter, Esther McCallum, Ken Rhone

**Others Present:**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Robert Griffin

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

**Financials:** Esther McCallum and Monty Ledbetter answered a series of questions posed by the Committee regarding particular line items on the 2013 Financial Statement. After all questions were addressed Kathy Barber made a motion to recommend the 2013 Financial Statement to the City Council for approval. Alan Keys seconded the motion. Motion carried with all aye votes.

**Citizen's Concerns:** There were no citizen concerns. Buddy Fowler did send a message that the delinquent water bills for the Athletic Association were paid in full and there is a credit.

**New Business:** **Central Arkansas Water Rates** - Central Arkansas presented a proposal to its Board raising wholesale rates to its wholesale customers. The increase is significant. The first increase will take place in 2016 followed by incremental increases in 2017 and 2018. Of greater concern is CAW's proposed re-definition of On and Off Peak Pumping. Currently if Bryant has to pump during Peak hours one time in a month, the entire month is billed at Peak Rates. The new definition would apply that principal to the entire year. If Bryant had to pump one time on December 31 for 1 minute during Peak hours, CAW would bill Bryant at Peak Rates retroactively for the entire year. The Mayor has sent a letter to the Chairman of CAW stating Bryant's opposition to the new definition and questioning the rates.

**Old Business:** **Saline Regional Public Water** – Monty distributed a copy of the SRPWA Bylaws to the Committee and reviewed the process in which the Saline County Water Alliance will be abolished and all assets transferred to the new public water authority.

**Reports:** **Alcoa Road Extension** – The Alcoa Utilities Extension is under construction. Construction should be complete within two or three weeks.

**ANRC Projects**

- The 12" Sewer Force Main bids will be opened on July 8, 2014.
- The 16" Water Main is ready to bid.

Monty distributed a spreadsheet showing the number of SSOs for the City since 2009 and reviewed a call he received from a new enforcement officer at ADEQ questioning the high number of overflows for Bryant. There seems to be some confusion at ADEQ about the contents of their files. Bryant received a letter in January 2012 stating that the Consent Order was lifted. The new

enforcement officer said there was another letter in their file that rescinded the letter we received. Monty had never seen the second letter and we have been operating on the premise that we are off the CAO. It seems that Bryant has fulfilled all of its obligations under the CAO including a report that was submitted. The enforcement officer acknowledged that the report was in the file, but stated there was no subsequent letter for the previous enforcement officer lifting the CAO. The matter is being further investigated.

**Budget Status Report** No discussion

**Comments:** Bob Griffin related a story from a resident who complained in his bill payment that there was not return envelope. Apparently Buddy sent the gentleman a year's supply. The man was pleased and complimentary.

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

A motion was made by Jack Moseley 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 August 5, 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