



WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 12, 2006
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

Attendees:

Jeanell Wilson, Chair
John Craddock, Vice Chair
Dr. Chester Aikens
Lawrence Jones
Al Sinclair
Susan S. Rudd, P.E.
Harriet McDonald

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the March 8, 2006 Board Meeting.

General Items/Discussion/Questions

Program Delivery Team Update

Mr. Odom pulled the PDT item off the agenda until the last few funding issues are in place. Mr. Odom would like to execute the contract at the next board meeting.

River Initiative Update

The Mayor's office formed a focus group, which includes several members of the PDT to look at the river issues. The group is formalizing the TMDL plan and the Mayor's office is working towards improving river access. The goal is to have the initiative ready to roll out by June or July. Jimmy Palmer will speak to the focus group in mid-May.

River Impact Committee Update

A resolution to the Mayor's office was presented. The resolution requests more funding to clean up the river and do away with the septic tanks along the river. Mr. Odom explained that the resolution isn't a legal document but simply a request and written statement of approval. Mrs. Rudd expressed concern of the WSEA being a voluntary program which conflicts with a septic tank audit stated in the resolution. Mr. Odom explained that the audit would not be performed by the WSEA but by another city agency. Mr. Clayton added that the resolution is not a legal binding document but a request. Mr. Craddock expressed concern with the septic tank rule and thought it would be more money for tax payers. Mrs. Wilson suggested revising some of the language in the resolution to prevent misunderstandings. Issue is deferred until next meeting to present a revised resolution.

Items for Board Discussion

- Forest Park Sewer Project- 43 out of 44 contracts have been returned. JEA will award the contract at the awards committee on April 14. A resolution was made to award WSEA's portion of the contract to Jensen Contractors. **Motion was made by Mrs. Wilson to approve resolution. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sinclair and voted in favor by all board members present.**
- New Consumption Bill Process- Billing process will be changed for consumption. Currently, homeowners receive bill for capital portion as well as the consumption charge. The consumption has to be calculated for each individual homeowner and the process is very time-consuming. In addition to the labor of billing, the WSEA requests a check to be written out to JEA. The WSEA sewer customers pay the same rate as JEA sewer customers. The sewer bill will now be on the JEA bill and the capital portion will be billed separately, making the process easier and more cost-effective.

Status of Current Projects

Triangle Estates – Sewer – Complete

Lavilla Sportsman Club – Sewer – Complete

Iroquois/Milam and Country Club/Forest Park – Sewer – Construction imminent

Pine Forest – Sewer – Construction is 75 percent complete.

McGlothin/Buttercup – Water – New contractor has been found. Documents are being revised.

Shakir Economy Motel – Sewer – Design is complete.

Cannon Street – Water – Construction is complete. Line is undergoing testing and homeowners will begin connecting next week.

Hendricks Day School – Approved by council. Contracts are being prepared.

Unitarian Universalist Church – Approved by council. Contracts are being prepared.

Church Fellowship Worship- Sewer – Approved by council. Contracts are being prepared.

Upcoming Community Meetings

- Pine Forest (sewer)- TBD
- Lakeshore (sewer) – TBD

Other Items for Discussion

Mr. Odom stated that it is now time to put in our request for next year's budget. Most likely, the city will not provide any new capital funding for the WSEA, which is why the goal for the PDT to gain more funding is critical. The board will likely need to revisit the policy they originally approved as to how much money the WSEA will be able to subsidize.

Items for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on May 10, 2006. City Hall Committee Room A. Finance Committee Meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Request for Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned.