



WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: July 11, 2007
Time: 2:00 P.M.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

Attendees:

Jeanell Wilson, Chair
Dr. Chester Aikens, Vice Chair
Al Sinclair
John Craddock
Susan Rudd

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the June 13, 2007 Board Meeting.

General Update

A stop work order has been issued for the PDT for this year on the Facility Plan until the continuing funding commitment is more readily understood and a clear funding commitment is in place with federal and state monies. The goal is to have annual reoccurring appropriations. The following 3 items of work will be continued by the PDT:

- Pilot Project: Oakwood Villas – Completion of Phases 1 and 3
(Approximately \$20 million remaining)
- BJP S.T.P.O administered by the WSEA – To start with Oakwood Villas remaining projects
- FDEP Grant for sampling and monitoring of ground water.
- Lincoln Villas Pilot Project- previously placed on hold. It is being restudied to determine if we can do a limited water and sewer project in the original Lincoln Villas failure project area. The plan is to combine both state and federal money and use that vehicle to handle the remaining 22 failure areas as we look into mandatory connections. 22 failure area projects must have mandatory connections in order to obtain federal funding. Because of the weak connection enforcement, we must work with City Council and the Mayor's Office towards this. This is very crucial in order to move forward.

General Discussion

- Mr. Sinclair asked if partial septic tank removal will be possible in the 22 areas. Mr. Odom reiterated that because of the use of Federal money, there must be mandatory compliance (State funding does not require mandatory connections). The issue of low income homes was discussed. How will they pay for their connection? Mr. Odom addressed looking into the Utility Tap-In Program (UTIP) for further support of lower income homes. However, UTIP will need to gain support and more funds in order to accomplish such a task.
- Dr. Aikens asked if there is a more practical way to enforce connection to sewer lines. Mr. Odom stated that the most logical ways would be fines, leans, or discontinuation of utilities (which has not been a successful way in the past).
- Mr. Odom concluded with the fact that nothing can move forward until two funding types are clear.

Status of Current Projects

- Forest Park – sewer
Homeowners are connecting to sewer line.
- Shakir Economy Motel-water
Mr. Shakir is working with engineer to proceed forward with design for water project.
- Church Fellowship Worship-sewer
 - 1st loan (\$95k) has closed
 - 2nd loan amount (\$23k) was approved by council on June 26. Closing will be taking place soon.
- Glendale Road-water
 - Waiting to receive signed contracts from homeowners.
- Iroquois Avenue-sewer
 - Have received all contracts. Construction will be starting soon.
- Tree Hill Nature Center-sewer
 - Was approved by council on June 26. Closing will be taking place soon.
- The Hartley Press-sewer
 - Design was received this week. Will begin council approval process.

Other Items for Discussion

None

Next Meeting

August 8, 2007 – City Hall Committee Room A

Request for Public Comment

None

Meeting adjourned