



WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 9, 2006
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

Attendees:

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

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved minutes from the July 12, 2006 Board Meeting.

General Update

- **Program Delivery Team:** Mr. Odom explained that the PDT is fully engaged and is successfully gaining more funding. \$500K was obtained from D.C. 4 weeks ago. As a result of the River Accord, the WSEA is going to extract a certain percentage of the funds to clean up the river and use towards removing failed septic tanks. Within the next 2 or 3 months, Mr. Odom hopes to have everything entirely funded and ready to proceed forward.
- **River Accord:** The event exceeded expectations. Jimmy Palmer, the EPA Regional Administrator, was moved by the initiative the city is taking towards the river. He is committed to being a partner and thinks it is a national model. Although he cannot directly fund anything, he has a huge voice in Washington D.C.
- **Discussion of Charter Revision:** The charter explains that the WSEA is a voluntary program. In order to proceed with the septic tank phase out program some modification to the charter will be necessary in order to have mandatory connections. Mr. Odom would like to have Board workshop to discuss in more detail.

Mrs. Jeanell Wilson asked about the WSEA's operating budget and if it is included in the funding that has been obtained. Mr. Odom explained that it is separate and is in JEA's budget. The funding is strictly capital funding.

Mr. Sinclair congratulated Mr. Odom on his persistence in obtaining funding. Mr. Odom added that Councilwoman Mia Jones and Council President Michael Corrigan have been huge attributes to the WSEA's success.

Report from Finance Committee Meeting- Mr. Sinclair explained that the management of Beauclerc Bay Apartments has asked to postpone their case until next month's Finance Committee meeting. They would like to provide more information at that time.

Status of Current Projects

- Forest Park-sewer-Under construction. 25 percent complete. Expected completion date is March 2007.
- Pine Forest-sewer-Construction is complete. Homeowners are connecting to the system.
- Shakir Economy Motel-sewer- Connection has been made.
- Shakir Economy Motel-water- Approved by the mayor's Budget Review Committee and is scheduled for final council vote on August 22.
- Hendricks Day School –sewer -Contracts were sent to school in May.
- Unitarian Universalist Church –sewer- Contracts were sent to the church in May. Representative from church will be meeting with Juliana Rowland (OGC) to review all documents before proceeding forward.
- Church Fellowship Worship- sewer- Contracts were sent to the church last month. They have not yet been returned.
- D&W Electric-water and sewer-Approved by the Mayor's Budget Review Committee and is scheduled for final council vote on August 22.
- Metto and Glendale Roads (water)- Letters of intent were mailed last month but have not received enough to proceed forward. 2 out of 14 Metto Road homeowners are interested. 5 out of 11 Glendale Road homeowners are interested.

Other Items for Discussion

- Recommendation for renewal of Executive Director contract- **Mr. Lawrence Jones motioned for an extension of Mr. Odom's contract. Motion was seconded by Mr. Sinclair and voted in favor by all other members present.**
- Capital Recovery Billing Report- To date, the WSEA has billed out \$28,330.64 of capital billings and has received \$27,943.91 in payments. \$386.73 is outstanding.
- Mr. Odom announced that this will be Sherry Hall's last time at the board meeting until 4 months from now as she is temporarily moving to the Mayor's office.

Items for Next Meeting

Next meeting will be at 2 p.m. on September 13, 2006, City Hall Committee Room A

Request for Public Comment

None.

Meeting adjourned.

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None.

Meeting adjourned.