

WATER COMMITTEE
APRIL 25, 2001
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck Watkins, Chairman
 Dr. George Patton
 Tony Parrott
 Chris Venice

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Bill McNally
 Jim Mallett

ABSENT: Chris Cofty

STAFF PRESENT: Russell Ray

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Watkins at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2001.

Dr. George Patton made the motion and Chris Venice seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 28, 2001. There was no opposition.

II. PEACHTREE CITY WATER TANKS.

Mr. Parrott explained an e-mail he received pertaining to the painting of the small water tank in Peachtree City. David Rast from Peachtree City called and asked when we were going to finish the water tank. Mr. Parrott told Mr. Rast that we have no plans to finish the water tank. We paid the contractor off and sent him on his way, because Peachtree City shut the job down. Then we had a flurry of e-mails from Jim Basinger wanting to know what we were going to do. These went to Chris Cofty. He explained to them that we do not have the funds in the budget this coming year to paint the water tank.

Mr. Mallett explained we had a problem with one absentee owner, Mr. John Proffitt. The job was within three to four days of being complete. A week at the most. The contractor was painting at night, then coming out in the morning and cleaning up the blast debris from the adjacent properties. He was washing peoples cars from next door. Everybody was happy, except for one person. That one person, in effect, shut that job down. We paid our contractor off and sent him on his way. The large tank was already completed.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that we got a price from the contractor to skirt the tank, the way you would for lead abatement. That is the only way you can make sure dust does not go just anywhere. The price was twice the cost of what was left on the job.

Mr. Mallett commented the only way to paint the tank and satisfy Mr. Proffitt is to shroud it. Mr. Parrott added another option is to do it at a lesser standard than the current specifications. Chairman Watkins clarified that the inside of the tank is painted, the outside is not. Mr. Mallett replied there is enough primer on it for there to be no problem. There is no rust.

Dr. Patton asked about the 92 tank construction. Mr. Parrott explained the steel is being shipped and the project will continue when it is delivered.

Mr. Parrott estimated it will cost between \$75,000 and \$100,000 to complete the tank painting with a shroud to insure no dust goes anywhere. Or, we could paint what is left at a lesser standard. Mrs. Venice asked what Peachtree City thinks has changed that would make them lift their stop work order? Mr. McNally asked whether the Water Committee feels we should spend the money that we need to spend to finish the tank.

The committee discussed at length bidding the job again, Peachtree City putting the stop work order on the job, and the additional cost of shrouding the tank.

Mr. McNally questioned, if we do nothing, are we putting the tank in jeopardy? Mr. Parrott replied there is no rust showing. Now, when we start the job, we have many more neighbors next to us than we did previously. Mr. Mallett commented you would almost have to shroud the tank, now, or go to a lesser standard. Pressure wash it, then paint it and hope it stays.

Chairman Watkins made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners, in reference to the smaller water tank in Peachtree City painting not being complete, since funds were not budgeted this fiscal year, to budget painting the tank in fiscal year 2002. Dr. Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

III. DISCUSS BIDDING AIR CONDITIONING FOR PUMP HOUSE AT LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Mallett reported that the temperature rise in the pumps in the summer time is marginal. They are functioning. He expressed concern with the new pumps being installed. They are 400 and 600 horsepower. They are concerned that the heat will rise and we will begin having problems with the electrical panels short circuiting and cutting off. They are

looking at cooling the building down a little. They looked at air conditioning the entire building. The cost would be about \$1500.00 per ton, according to his mechanical engineer. It would take about 40 tons to do the entire building, that is \$65,000. They are not sure they can do it, but they are also looking at isolating the panels, box them in somehow and direct the air condition down to the electrical panels. It would save a lot of money. But, that may not be to code.

Mr. Parrott explained that last year, they opened the hatch to the wet well under the building and opened the door to pull air through. It is still marginal. Part of it has to do with the building sitting out in the open. The pump house at the Crosstown Plant has as much equipment in it, but it doesn't heat up as much.

Dr. Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners bidding this item. Mr. Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

IV. FENCE PROJECTS.

Mr. Parrott explained the Water System has several water tank sites and property that we need to fence. He suggested doing the fencing as a separate project than doing it with the water tank. We could see some savings this way. We purchased additional property at Brooks Creek Wetland site that needs to be fenced. The tank site off Highway 85 and the site at Porter Road need to be fenced.

Dr. Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to bid the fencing for the Water System sites that need to be fenced. Mr. Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

V. REPORT ON RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC MEETING.

Russell Ray reported on the public meeting for the Risk Management Program for the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant held on April 16. Those in attendance were Tony Parrott, Pete Nelms, himself and three visitors. Pete discussed the planning Fire & Emergency Services has done to respond to an incident of any kind. He and Mr. Parrott talked about the Water System's procedures for the program and the instrumentation at the water plant to detect leakage. The meeting was from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Parrott explained we advertised the meeting in the paper and sent separate notice to those that had requested it.

The alternate release scenario is 1/10th of a mile. For the most common problem you can

have (a small leak while swapping tanks) the chlorine gas does not leave the site. The worst case scenario is 1.3 miles. That figures on a one ton chlorine cylinder discharging everything in ten minutes. This is very unlikely. It is so unlikely that the EPA recommends planning for the 1/10th of a mile scenario.

Mr. Parrott explained for the 1.3 mile, Fayette County Emergency Services has a way to send a phone message to everyone in that area, Reverse 911. Pete Frisina created a map showing the area, and Pete Nelms rode the area as part of the planning. County personnel are being well trained.

Peachtree City Water Tanks

Mrs. Venice suggested sending background information on the Peachtree City water tank painting along with the recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

OPEN HOUSE AT SOUTH FAYETTE WATER PLANT.

Mr. Parrott asked the committee for their thoughts on having an open house for the opening of the new water plant. The committee agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Parrott made a motion and Dr. Patton seconded to adjourn to executive session for discussion of four items of real estate acquisition and two potential legal items. No action was taken.

The County Attorney briefed the Committee on four items of real estate acquisition. No action was taken.

Chairman Watkins discussed two potential legal items with the committee. No action was taken on these items.

Inspection Tour

After the meeting the committee went on an inspection tour of the South Fayette Water Treatment Plant.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 23rd day of May, 2001.

Lisa Gillis