

WATER COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 10, 2008
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
Chris Clark, Vice Chairman (phone)
Tony Parrott
James K “Chip” Conner

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

David Jaeger
Jack Krakeel

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray

GUESTS:

Commissioner Jack Smith
Larry Turner, WASA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Frisina at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12, 2008.

Chip Conner made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on November 12, 2008. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE MCINTOSH UPDATE.

David Jaeger reported that the timbering contractor is nearly finished. He anticipates this project to be wrapped up in the next month or so. The archaeological folks have been working on two of the mitigation sites doing a Phase I survey in those areas. One of the two sites is complete and about half way through on the second site. On the first site that they completed, they identified four areas where they did find some artifacts. That was then discussed with Kent Campbell, the wetland folks, to try to determine what impact, if any, the mitigation plan would have on these sites. The net result was that two of the four sites have nothing planned for those areas. There is essentially zero impact on those sites. The other two, have some plantings planned and the conclusion was that if we limit it to hand planting, typically the Corp does not consider that to be a land disturbing activity. The areas also would not receive any water inundation beyond what is naturally occurring at this point. The net result is that if we limit it to hand planting, we don't anticipate the need to do any further exploration of these sites. That being said, there is still the need to submit that whole plan to the Corp and the State Historic Preservation office for their concurrence. If they were to require it, there would be additional exploration and recovery on those sites. Mr. Jaeger went on to say that we don't anticipate it, but there is still that possibility.

Mr. Parrott commented that this will delay the project a little bit, mainly because we have to get concurrence and they won't do it at the same time.

Mr. Jaeger stated there is a time element that may be a factor. Once he gets the information from the second site, he will show this to the committee.

Mr. Jaeger explained that he is proceeding with the plan to prepare a bid for fencing the mitigation sites, which was discussed at the last meeting.

III. RATE INCREASE DISCUSSION.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

IV. TOILET REBATE FUNDING.

Mr. Parrott explained that the project has been fairly successful. The total number of toilet rebates up to December 9th is 319. They estimate the daily water savings at \$12,000.00. He said that the contract through the District is a yearly contract, and he wants to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that we continue the contract. We budgeted \$100,000.00, and the total amount for toilet rebates spent to date is \$25,000.00. The funds remaining are \$74,000.00 and he would like to continue this program for another year. Participating in this program also shows that we are complying with the Metropolitan North Georgia Planning Districts recommended conservation measures which is the Toilet Rebate Program.

Chip Conner made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to continue the Toilet Rebate Program for another year using the remaining allocated funds. Mr. Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

V. SEWER DISCUSSION.

Mr. Parrott explained that Chairman Smith received a request about a sewer agreement between the County and Peachtree City. A restaurant located at 1992 Highway 54 wants to tie onto sewer at Shiloh Drive at Shiloh Mobile Home Ranch. They want the concurrence of the County.

Larry Turner commented that Nathan received a call from a young lady which was just a casual conversation. She referred to an area west of 54 outside Peachtree City. He said that their standard response when they get a call like that is that there are several issues; one, that the county has a policy of no sewers in the county, two, they have a contract with Peachtree City that says they won't serve without the City's concurrence. If you take care of those, then they will be glad to serve you. That was probably Nathan's response which probably dictated the letter.

Mr. Parrott said that he looked at the site map, where it comes into Shiloh Drive, the easement would go through two trailers on private property or come down Shiloh Drive and tie in, which is not a public street.

Mr. Turner said neither of those are public sewers. Neither one of those options would work as far as they are concerned. The nearest public sewer is all the way down to the west end of the shopping center. They would have to run all the way down the front of the shopping center. All those are private sewers in the shopping center and in Shiloh.

Mr. Parrott asked if there would be capacity. Mr. Turner responded that capacity is not an issue, if you get to the public sewer. He is not sure you can even get there by gravity. From his remembrance of the terrain, he would have to ride by there and look, he is not sure you could get there by gravity.

Chairman Frisina asked if this restaurant exists. Mr. Parrott said no. Mr. Turner commented, that once they really look at what they cost would be to get to the other side of the shopping center, it would be prohibitive.

The Committee further discussed the current policy of not allowing public sewer to be extended into the County. Mr. Parrott recommended not approving this request, because the County has not planned to put sewer in this area and he does not recommend putting sewer in this area. A lengthy discussion ensued about whether the current policy should be changed.

This item was tabled until Mr. Parrott can talk with the developer and discuss what would be involved in this particular situation as far as cost involved. Mr. Turner told said he would also be available to talk with them.

MEETING CANCELED ON DECEMBER 24, 2008.

Chairman Frisina reminded the committee that the next meeting has been canceled.

DECEMBER WATER USAGE.

As a matter of information, Mr. Parrott mentioned that the average day in November was 7.5 million, and in December so far is 6.6, which is 2 million gallons a day below what we anticipate for an average day. City of Fayetteville got their water plant back on line because it rained.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 8:30 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 14th day of January, 2009.

Lisa Quick