

WATER COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 12, 2014
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pete Frisina, Chairman
James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Steve Rapson
Lee Pope
Commissioner Steve Brown
Jimmy Preau

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Dennis Davenport
Frank Destadio

GUESTS:

Ms. Mary Giles, Brian Ullom
Stephen Hogan, Dave Borkowski

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 22, 2014.

Steve Rapson made the motion and Lee Pope seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on October 22, 2014. There was no opposition.

II. LAKE PEACHTREE UPDATE.

Mr. Rapson reported the dredging project is on schedule and we are looking to turn dirt sometime the first week of January. We have asked Peachtree City if they want to dredge other areas; they are in the process of evaluating what they are going to do in regards to additional dredging.

David Borkowski explained that he is preparing a memo for their council that will include a list of unit prices and quantities. He said that he has broken up the lake into sections; he will send that to them for the November 20 council meeting to see if they will agree with that, he can then forward it to the county to put into the bid.

Mr. Pope stated that we have a 90% design review meeting on November 20, which is the same day of their council meeting. He said that he plans to attend that meeting. Mr. Rapson stated there will be some surveying and some things that have to be done on the engineering side of all that to be able to append the contract. He said that he thinks they will be able to append the unit rate, but there are some steps they will have to go through from a city perspective.

Mr. Destadio stated that the county package has a 90% design and it will be 100%; it will be a complete package on cost. If you want to add something to it, you should

try to have it on that level, if not, you are just asking for him to take a guess at what those areas are. Mr. Rapson said they might just count the trucks, there are a hundred different ways to do it; we will coordinate with ISE, if they move forward with doing additional dredging; we will coordinate our consultant with the city consultant and figure out how to track what we are taking out.

Mr. Destadio asked if they are talking about areas that are wet, because this is dry dredging cost that you are getting. He said that he thought some of the areas they looked at were wet. That is why the ISE guy did not go out and do a dry survey. He might be able to reach out as far as he could into those areas that are under water, but it is not going to be the kind of dredging the county is doing that is dry.

Mr. Rapson commented that he thinks that a lot of the areas they are talking about doing are dry areas. Mr. Pope said the areas are around the edges. Mr. Borkowski said it is around the perimeter of the lake where they are talking about.

Mr. Destadio recommended, if they want, they have a very good price from Rochester and they could go ahead and do the surveying that you wanted done while the package is going from 90% to 100% and give you an accurate area in depth that you would have to check against the cost. Mr. Rapson said that would likely be the next step if Mr. Borkowski gets the green light from the City Council.

Mr. Borkowski said they already did the survey and he has the CAD files that he could share once the City Council makes a decision. Mr. Rapson commented that he thinks, based on the quantities they were paying per cubic yard, they will be able to save some money and piggy back off the contract. We will just wait and see how that plays out.

Mr. Borkowski stated there was the dredging and they also mentioned weed removal; those areas that have grown up that are not in the areas that are going to be dredged. That was going to be another line item, for the contractor to go in and bush hog and remove vegetation. Mr. Destadio clarified that it would be dry areas, and Mr. Borkowski agreed.

Mr. Rapson stated that we would need to get the Land Disturbance Permit, so as soon as we are at that point, and we have finalized our engineering documents, we will send those to the City. We can't turn any dirt until we get the LDP from the City.

III. PARKING FEES AT PARKS, PROCESS UPDATE.

Mr. Rapson reported that we currently charge \$10.00 per visit and there is an electronic machine there that enables that to happen. He said that we did an analysis that showed it was costing about as much time and effort to keep that going and we have had a lot of suggestions from residents who use the parking fee, maybe we can do something different. He said that he and staff have analyzed this over the

last month and a half and they are proposing to change the process to go back to manual envelopes, kind of what you see in the City of Atlanta where you have an envelope and you put your car number in and you put it in a slot. This will make it a lot less staff intensive in regards to managing the electronic machines; and lower the fee from \$10.00 to \$5.00 at all the parks. Also, have a \$50.00 annual pass. If you are a frequent flyer at the parks, you can get an annual pass, put a sticker on your car and that will be good for a year; as opposed to paying \$5.00, basically if you go more than ten times you will get a pass. He said that we are getting ready to implement that, we are looking forward to implementing that December 1. He said that we wanted to give the Water Committee an update. It has been \$10.00 for a while.

Mr. Rapson commented that part of it is how do you regulate who is there and who is not. What we are doing now is based on the Fayette County tag, but there are obviously people who have businesses outside of Fayette County and maybe they are getting their tag for their personal registered at their business in Coweta. When they show up and they have a Coweta tag, they have to pay the fine. This will enable them to get an annual pass for that vehicle, or they can get their car registered. He said there are also some concerns for some of the businesses; they talked to Emily Poole and folks have a lunch break; they want to go over and eat at the pavilion. Mr. Rapson went on to say that you have to keep in mind that our Marshals are not patrolling those parks. There is active patrolling for whether they are parking there and they are outside the county when they are driving through the lot, but short of that, we are not out patrolling the parks every five minutes looking for people. This will make it a way that the businesses can buy the annual passes, or the resident could buy the annual pass, and the six or seven people that have issued the concern to him that he has personally talked to have seemed pleased that they could get a pass for \$50.00 a year.

Commissioner Brown commented that there are some local companies that have an activity at their business; one day they will do a picnic at the lake or something like that as a lunch thing. Just to get people out of the office or out of the plant. They have expressed a real interest to him about having something where we could allow that. We meet them halfway, that is probably the best way that he could figure out how to do it.

Mr. Rapson commented that this is outside the parking fees, but we are finalizing the camera system. We are ready to put it at Kiwanis Park; we are putting up cameras to monitor the park remotely. That is going to spill over into some cameras that we will put at the water parks as well as some of the key water towers and those types of things. They will go into McCurry Park, Kenwood Park and all those. Kiwanis will be the first one we do. He said the reason he is bringing it up is because, number next is probably going to be the water parks. Those camera feeds will go to the sheriff's department, 911, the marshals, water department or the recreation department, depending on where the cameras are. Hopefully we will have a set of eyes on them; they are motion activated so if someone is going in there

at night, 911 can dispatch the appropriate people. If you are a Marshal and you are in charge of monitoring all the parks, today the way you do it is you drive all the way to Brooks to find out nobody is there. He said that it is going to help from a technology perspective and from a force multiplier; they will be able to determine if they need to go to the park by looking at the cameras.

Mr. Pope commented that hopefully we will get it to where they can stream it to their on board computers in their cars. Mr. Rapson said that we are doing that for the sheriff's.

IV. CHEMICAL SYSTEM AND ACTUATOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE.

Mr. Pope reported that this is on the Boards agenda for approval this week. This project is for installation of two liquid lime systems, one at each plant; and to install a permanent permanganate building. Right now we are feeding sodium permanganate to assist with oxidizing iron and manganese and also some organics. There is actually a tank and a pump that is sitting in the middle of the field. We need to have some sort of structure; this is to identify and put a proper structure in place so it is protected from the elements as we move into the winter.

Mr. Pope went on to explain that the actuator at the Lake Horton pump station is more of an emergency item that was not part of the original CIP. These are old hydraulic actuators and we currently cannot run those pumps to the Crosstown Water Treatment Plant, if we had to. They will not operate because the hydraulics is so bad. This is for design and improvement for an upgrade to put EIM (electronic control valves) there. He went on to say that EIM valves are good in the event that we have an issue with them electronically; we can actually manually open them. Hydraulic valves do not have that, they either work or they don't work. This project is to move that system out and put in more updated valves; this will give the Crosstown Plant the option to pull from a couple of different resources.

Mr. Rapson explained that this is all piggy backing off the compliance issues associated with the capital improvements associated with the EPD consent order. This is Phase I projects which are four projects off the thirty three project capital list. The next big one we will be doing will be the filters; it should be coming right behind this project. This is keeping in line with having all those done within that twelve month window to be in compliance with EPD.

V. WATER SYSTEM PRESSURE UPDATE.

Mr. Pope reported that Mr. Destadio will assist us with getting a task order for them to look at the system. He said that he has also received some prices from Watts, which is a company that goes out with an infrastructure assessment team. They actually work with CH2M Hill on their projects. He said we will be looking at their pricing and then get it over to Purchasing, and go out for additional pricing.

They go in and put their hands on every valve, every hydrant and they assess the condition of the valve as far as open, close and how it operates; as well as they will GIS it for us. They will be able to create a GIS layer which will go right into our GIS system here. We will then have everything in the Tyrone and Brooks area on GIS. A couple of things are included in their quote. The hard part will be finding someone else who offers those same services. CH2M Hill will assist us with that.

Mr. Destadio commented that this is building towards ultimately having a water model. It is kind of piece milling everything you need to do. Brooks and Tyrone have some small lines and pressure problems. This is the first step, doing a condition assessment so that you know what you have. Then, ultimately, as you want to piece mill, eventually one of the things that will be very good would be to have a model.

Vice Chairman Conner asked if this is every valve. Mr. Pope said it is every valve, every hydrant, all the piping; they are experts in the business in helping us identify the system. Mr. Destadio said it helps with leaks, called non-use water; you are paying to have the water treated, but it is leaking out. He said systems like Brooks and Tyrone are good because you can capture the inflow and the outflow and determine the difference. That is water you are treating that you are losing. It is called non-revenue water. The only non-revenue water you want to have is for your fire department.

Mr. Pope explained that the pricing Watts gave us is a per day pricing. Then we come up with the amount of days we think it will take them to do this assessment. It makes it a little easier to police from a standpoint of budgeting.

Commissioner Brown commented that Brooks is hanging onto the water system because that is their entrance into the LOST (Local Option Sales Tax). They have to have enough services provided. He said that he would love to see if we could get some sort of exemption for Brooks where they would not have to hang onto that, and we just take the thing over. It looks like we are doing it pretty much anyway.

Mr. Pope commented that it is tedious that we are spending money on infrastructure that is really not ours. But, we have to do something to take care of those people. Commissioner Brown commented from a liability standpoint he thinks possibly taking over is better for us. Because then you get in a battle, they own it, you service it, you did this...It becomes a finger pointing war. It would be interesting to see if that is even in the realm of possibility.

VI. WATER SYSTEM LOGO.

Mr. Pope explained that this is something he has identified. He presented four different logos; he said we are trying to re-brand the Water System. He said that he does not even know if this is possible. Mr. Rapson asked if we have a logo now. Mr. Pope said the only logo that we have is the same logo that is on all the

other county trucks. He said he really does not know how we did that, being an enterprise fund. He said he thought our logo had to be separate, but he is not sure about the legalities on that. Mr. Rapson commented that you can be an entity without a logo. The committee reviewed the four choices and chose the one they liked the best. There was some discussion about how similar it is to the WASA logo and the color choice.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Ms. Giles asked Mr. Pope about the work the City is proposing to do on Lake Peachtree. She asked if any of that work is necessary for the Water System to maintain that lake for the Water System. Mr. Pope asked if she is talking about the additional dredging they are talking about doing. She said yes. Mr. Pope said that they are cleaning up the lake while they have the opportunity to do it, whether it is required, or necessary; that could be argued back and forth.

Ms. Giles said that she is asking for the Water System, is any of it necessary? Mr. Pope said no, not for us; otherwise we would be looking at doing it ourselves, if we thought it was necessary. He said they are cleaning up around the edges and he thinks it is a good idea, but we don't have the funding to do it. He said that one lady got up and asked why we were not concerned. He said we are concerned, but we certainly don't have the funds to go out; and he does not know if the City does either. But it is certainly a good time for them to pursue it; they get a bigger bang for their buck right now because we are doing it dry. It is not going to have a significant impact on us either way.

Ms. Giles commented that her point of view has more to do with the people who do not live on the lake. She said that she truly has not been convinced, this is a Peachtree City comment, that this is necessary. She asked Mr. Destadio about the construction at MacDuff Parkway that is coming up, with all the new homes coming in. She asked what effect he feels that will have on the silt run off that will come into Lake Peachtree in the next eight years.

Mr. Destadio said that he thinks she is referring to the fact that he is the Chairman of the Planning Commission. Ms. Giles said no, as an engineer. Mr. Rapson asked if the answer would be that they are going to put enough retention on site that there should be no impact. Mr. Destadio said they are going to put two detention ponds on site at two of the different areas. He said they have not seen the long range plan, they have only seen one that has been approved by the council. That will probably have minimal impact to Lake Peachtree because it will be in the detention pond where they are going to keep the water. Then they will contain it and only let it run off at the same level that it is running off the property now.

Ms. Giles said she seems to remember, when Highway 74 was widened from 54 south, there was a lot of silt run off discussed that came from the project into the lake. Mr. Destadio said that was during the construction period. They will have to

do a good job retaining the water that runs off of MacDuff Parkway as they construct it. Once it is constructed, it will have storm drains and others things that will catch the water.

Mr. Borkowski explained that 99% of the West Village drains to Line Creek, not Flat Creek. It goes into Lake McIntosh, not Lake Peachtree. Ms. Giles said that answers her question.

Mr. Rapson said when you look at the dredging agreement that we have with the City, there are seven areas in that dredging agreement that we maintain. Those areas are all the inlets that drain into the lake. Obviously, silt comes from other areas other than the inlets; he thinks that is what the City is attempting to take care of as opposed to...The County's contract is really focused on the inlets that pour into the lake and where the majority of the silt would come from.

Ms. Giles commented about the way they spoke at the council meeting the other night, her concern is, sure, the lake will benefit from any dredging. Everybody knows that; any silt removal, any grass removal. In a perfect world we could rebuild that lake and it would be gorgeous. She asked if the City has properly budgeted and planned for this. That is her concern. She said she does not see that right now. She does not see the urgency of spending half a million to two million or more on a project like this without putting the thought into it of what goes on north of that bridge on 54. That is where a lot of this is coming into the lake. She does not see the planning going on from the City's point of view to address it so that not just the lake residents are being appeased on all of this, but it is a prudent measure for the financial well-being of the city. She said she does not see that yet. She knows that Mr. Rapson is saying that piggy backing this project will save the city money, but proper budgeting would save the city money too, she would assume.

Mr. Pope said that is what he walked out of there with. There were a few people after the meeting that had similar comments to Ms. Giles and they were not comfortable getting up there and making a statement. What they were saying was that they agree that cleaning up around the edge of the lake is a great idea. This is a great time to do it, but they don't think it is fair to spend Water System funds just making the lake look aesthetically better by cleaning it up, when that really does not benefit the operations of the Water System; which is what his concern should be. It makes the lake prettier and nicer, but that is just benefiting a very few of the Water System customers.

Mr. Destadio said what they are looking at doing is that the lake constantly erodes; at the picnic park where they put the wall up, that has eroded away over the years, on that edge. That is what brings silt in. Cleaning up around the edges that don't have walls is going to help stop some of that, but then, you are absolutely right, down Flat Creek a lot of the silt that comes in Flat Creek really needs erosion control and other measures up Flat Creek from Kedron that will help stop the silt

from coming in. There are a lot of things to be considered. He and Mr. Pope have talked about that for some time. That is not the county's responsibility.

Ms. Giles asked who owns Lake Kedron; Commissioner Brown said it is owned by the county. She asked if the dam and spillway are also owned by the county and Commissioner Brown responded yes, that whole operation is owned by the county. Ms. Giles asked if the county monitors the condition of that dam and spillway and is it in good condition now, is there anything to be concerned about for the county right now? Mr. Pope explained that we just had an inspection and the inspection report is not back yet. We have a little bit of work to do on the dam at Lake Kedron, but it is operating properly.

Mr. Rapson stated that there are no concerns with Lake Kedron. He said he thinks the issue is that Lake Peachtree is a little different because our permit is to pull out of Kedron, 4 million gallons and historically what has happened is we let Lake Kedron go into Lake Peachtree and we actually have our withdrawal at the end of Lake Peachtree. Part of the agreement that allows us to pull the 4 million gallons out of the end of Lake Peachtree is dredging Lake Peachtree and keeping these inlets out of silt. That is why we are sitting here talking about doing the dredging project.

Ms. Giles asked about the discussion about mean versus full pool level in Lake Peachtree; is that an issue for the Water System? Mr. Rapson said that is the million dollar question, because what the agreement says is we are supposed to maintain it to the depth of the 1966 lake level. The problem is we don't know what that mean elevation is or the depth of the lake back then. What we've done is a comprehensive analysis in regards to all the different levels of the lake as it exists today and we are going to dredge down to where we think the depth of that lake is. That is one of the things that we will be giving to Mr. Borkowski when we get the LDP because we are going to dredge down and at that point this is the best comprehensive analysis of Lake Peachtree and the dredging project that the lake has ever seen since it has ever been dredged. At this point we will have definitive, this is the bottom of the lake on these different areas throughout the entire lake. That has never been done before.

Ms. Giles stated that the work the county is doing is going to correct any issues you have with the water levels of the lake, the mean or full pool levels that you need to operate the Water System; she asked if this is correct. Mr. Pope said it will identify them. Mr. Rapson commented that we have a permit to pull 4 million gallons out of Lake Peachtree. Those 4 million gallons was critical in the early years of Lake Peachtree, because that was our water drinking reservoir. Since then, we have built Lake McIntosh and we have built Lake Horton; both of them are 14 million gallon reservoirs. He said the he did a picture yesterday that shows you Lake Peachtree and it shows you Lake McIntosh side by side. You can easily see that we could take four of Lake Peachtree and fit them into Lake McIntosh. When he makes the statement that we don't need Lake Peachtree, what he is saying is we don't need the

permit that we currently have, actually with Lake Kedron to pull 4 million gallons because we have 28 million gallons available that we did not have 30 or 40 years ago. Ultimately, the question he thinks you are asking is; do we need to dredge in order to pull the water. The answer to that is, yes, but do we really need that water permit to pull at all. The answer to that is no, we really don't. He said that he thinks that is where we are trying to honor the agreement that we had with Lake Peachtree to do the dredging according to the contract so we can pull the 4 million gallons, but, at the end of the day the county does not need the 4 million gallons from Lake Peachtree.

Ms. Giles commented that now they don't need it, but look down the road. Mr. Rapson said that we don't want to give up 4 million gallons, but right now we are pulling 8 to 9 million gallons a day, max capacity. We have 28 million gallons available. He said that he thinks, looking out 30, 40, 50 years for development for Peachtree City and the County, we are probably fine from a water perspective in regards to the two reservoirs that we have.

Mr. Pope commented that in operations, we do not even envision us operating that pump station at Lake Peachtree for a long time. Mr. Rapson said that we are never going to be at 20 million gallons. You are talking about doubling the capacity for the entire county. He said that he thinks Peachtree City, at this point is trying to make a determination no different than, in his mind, this is almost like a maintenance type aspect from Peachtree City. When the lake is lowered, they work on their docks, this is no different than the lake is lowered, should we go ahead and pull some of the sedimentation out around the edges of the lake.

Ms. Giles commented that it is an expense. Mr. Pope said that Ms. Giles made a good point about not budgeting, if the City goes ahead and piggy backs on our contract now, they will get some numbers they can utilize to budget. Maybe she is right, maybe they will look and say it does not make sense for us to do it now, but in eight years, when this comes up again, there is not going to be that much sediment around the edge of that lake in eight years, before we dredge again. Then, they can start putting money back and maybe be better prepared financially then. It is important that they go out and get those numbers so that they can budget properly. He said that he does not envision them doing anything now.

Ms. Giles said that she understands, his comments at the end of the meeting last week, when he said there is no harm in putting the bids out. You are not obligated. You could make the decision later, on what you want to do, but there is also a lot of pressure. She said that she can see...there was a woman next to her in that audience who literally almost cut her head off when she commented to her, the lake is going to fill regardless of what Peachtree City does with the lake. We are going to have a lake again. Ms. Giles said that she just about cut her head off. She was saying "I want this done, now". Ms. Giles said if she lived on the lake, she would probably feel the way she does, but can we all just look at the bigger picture. What is good for the City, what is good for the County, is it necessary; do we have the money

available to do it? Can we plan it properly? That is all she is looking at. It makes sense to plan this stuff out. Don't react just because we have a strange circumstance going on with no water in the lake. This is a once in a 50 year occurrence. It is odd.

Ms. Giles asked about the grasses in the lake; they die off in the winter. When you fill the lake again, are the grasses going to remain died off? Mr. Destadio said first of all there is a lot of misperception; the vast majority of the grass you see is in areas that are going to be dredged. That is going away.

Ms. Giles said the county is going to dredge. There is a lot of confusion, when somebody says dredge, whose dredging are we talking about? Mr. Rapson explained that the primary dredging is going to be the County. When you look at the quantities we are going to pull out of the lake and compare them to Peachtree City's quantities, you are trying to compare someone pulling out a hundred to someone pulling out 10.

Ms. Giles said that there are sections of the lake that the City is considering dredging just for the specific reason of getting rid of the grasses. Mr. Destadio explained that the majority of the grass you see today off of 54 and off of the parks is going to be dredged. What isn't going to be dredged will die off in probably 3 months; at the most. It won't affect the water quality; it is an organic, like leaves and branches and stuff that fall into the lake and other grasses that grow in water. They are treated out at the plant, so it won't affect the quality of the water. It will die off and decompose and fall to the ground, but not immediately. It is going to take a couple of months.

Ms. Giles asked if the City chose to just do the edges where the silt is and not those grassy areas; it won't affect the quality of the lake for the Water System? Mr. Rapson and Mr. Destadio both said no. Ms. Giles then said that the grass will die off. Mr. Pope said then the grass carp will feed on it, and it will probably take 3 to 5 months. He said that he thinks Dan Davis even mentioned that in his comments, that in 3 to 5 months it would take care of itself.

Commissioner Brown said with the stormwater detention ponds upstream, people have to maintain those. He said that he thinks that causes a lot of the siltation problem, they are not well maintained. Ms. Giles suggested the City address the lagoon north of 54. Before you start spending half a million to a couple million dollars on the main lake, get a plan in place for the lagoon, also. And address it all at once, whether you do it now or you do it eight years from now. Do it as a complete project. Then everybody will not have to concern themselves.

Mr. Rapson encouraged Ms. Giles to give her comments to Mayor Fleisch and Mr. Borkowski and they can get them to the right folks. Ms. Giles said that she wanted to have certain information from the Water System to make sure what the City is talking about doing or thinking of doing is not going to affect the Water System. Commissioner Brown said it will not impact anything we do.

Ms. Giles thanked the committee. She also stated that Mr. Pope did a wonderful job Thursday night. She said that she wants him to know that. He represented the county really well. She said that she wishes there were more back and forth at some of these county city meetings. Commissioner Brown commented that it doesn't happen and it is unfortunate. He said that he wishes it did, too. Ms. Giles said so much good will is accomplished to have somebody stand up from another entity and present, no, what you heard really is not right. This is what we are really doing, simple communication.

Mr. Brian Ullom of Panasonic Automotive introduced himself. He said he has spent a lot of time in North Carolina; there are 427 employees and one great perk would be if they could utilize the park system in Fayette County free of charge. He said that is his entire point. They are very close to Lake McIntosh, there is Kedron and some others; Peachtree, everybody can go, but it is a little far. If their guys want to go to Lake McIntosh and park it is \$10.00. He said it is outstanding that you guys are working on that; he said he really appreciates that. They have a parking tag; they have their own internal monitoring system. If they could use that parking tag; it is unique, it reads Panasonic. Go to the lake free of charge, how does he justify that? He thinks that they are a major contributor to the county, not only from a tax base, but from a volunteer base, also from a charity base. He mentioned he could break down numbers, a quarter million in taxes; you can look at the numbers. What he can say to some of the employees that come, this is another perk, like the library. They can go to the library system if they like, with a Panasonic ID, if they could go to the park; that would be outstanding. Mr. Ullom said that is his proposal, he is looking at it as a win-win. He said their people put a lot of hours in the office; it is going to be hard to motivate, to get them to go. He said he does not think you are going to see a big change, lunch is key, he does not think you will see a big change on the weekend. He said he goes there every once in a while and he sees the Marshal. He is there quite often, regardless if you have some punitive measures in place, nobody wants to break the law. Especially their guys, they are very law focused.

Mr. Rapson asked how often he thinks they would use them. Mr. Ullom said at lunch yesterday was a perfect day. Mr. Rapson asked if he thought they would use them more than ten times a year. Mr. Ullom said he would doubt it, he would expect a couple of people maybe at lunch would go, but ten times a year, just to go take the family on the weekend. Mr. Rapson said he is not talking about the weekend; he is talking about during the week. If you are working 250 days a year and you are going to go more than ten days, then buy a permit.

Mr. Ullom said a permit was not an option. Mr. Rapson said a better option is register your car in Fayette County. Mr. Rapson said he does not want him to leave here with any hope that we are probably going to change. The point is while you are paying property taxes, those property taxes go to the general fund, but this park was built by the Water System. We have water paying tax customers that have paid

for the park. They are the ones not getting reimbursed if he lets you go there for free; which is why it is probably not going to happen. We scaled back the fee and we have now reduced the fee 50%. It is going to cost 50% less; and he is also reducing that even more. Instead of making you pay 250 days times \$5.00, now you can pay \$50.00 and have it for a year. He suggested to Emily that might be a good perk for Panasonic to pay ten of these annual park passes and give them away to Employee of the Month. Most of the Panasonic customers can go over there today, maybe they can car pool. Take three or four buddies over there at the same time they go to lunch. There are a hundred different ways to invoke it. There is an operational concern we have in regards to how we manage that. The best way for us to manage it is based on the Fayette County tag. If you don't have a Fayette County tag, then we are trying to put this other step in place. He said he has other people who live in the city that have a house in the city that work just across the line in another county and they have all their cars tagged. We have had people re-tag their cars so they can go to the park and that type of thing.

Mr. Ullom said that it is pretty clear where his mind set is and he certainly is not going to change it. Commissioner Brown commented he really likes having Panasonic here. He thinks they bring a youthful dimension there with all those engineers that are coming in and working on the auto project. He thinks that is the future of what we are trying to bring to the center of the county. You are the model and he loves what they do in the area. He said he would not be opposed to saying, you do a lot of things in the community, if you wanted to do some of your projects around the parks related to those parks or something, maybe we could look at that, we could do something around where if you do it in the parks, then we can let you buy so many passes, then we give you so many passes in exchange for some of the services. Pick up trash around the park, there is a dock thing we are looking at doing out there with handicap access to the dock, if they wanted to work on that project or something.

Mr. Ullom said that he is on the charity committee, which is probably why he was nominated to come here. He said what they offer is somewhat unprecedented in regards to Fayette County. He said that he is from North Carolina, you go to the parks and you volunteer, they give you a couple of bucks to help you out. There is a lot to maintain this.

Mr. Rapson said he bounced the idea of not charging anything for parks because he sees parks as a recreational amenity that is being paid for. He said he thinks the consensus from the Directors was that since the Water System paid for them, that was a little over and above what we can or can't do as an entity which is why we did this compromise. You are here on behalf of Panasonic. There is a cost associated with regulating that activity. We do not regulate that activity, we have code enforcement in the county, but our code enforcement is not like Peachtree City code enforcement. They drive around looking for stuff. We don't do that, we respond to people that have complaints that are code violations, the same thing for the

Marshals, their primary job is not out there looking for someone who has got a tag from Panasonic at lunch. That is not what they do.

Mr. Rapson commented that what Mr. Ullom is looking at is ultimately the compromise we came up with. Mr. Ullom said Mr. Rapson is looking at the entire planet; if he comes from Florida it is going to be the same. He is saying as a community member, we are in this together, what he has already unveiled is what we provide to the community. He is thinking we are in this together, can't you just give our employees a pass. Mr. Rapson said if his parents came down and went to the park and they had a Kentucky tag, they would be paying \$5.00 to go there.

Mr. Ullom asked why, what do you benefit? Mr. Rapson said he has someone outside paying for an amenity that was paid for by my rate payers. Mr. Ullom said this amenity, God's property, if you will, that was purchased back in the 60's up to 1980 he thinks. He does not know what property values were in 1960 in this region, he is thinking it was pretty low. You got a pretty good deal.

Mr. Rapson explained that we bought the land, we built the gazebo, and we built the park, the dock, and the dam. You are looking at millions of dollars to be able to put in that small park that you want to use as an amenity, but you wouldn't go to that park if you didn't build the lake.

Mr. Ullom stated that it is a beautiful reservoir and you have made some changes, it is great for the entire world wide community that should be able to utilize that. He said that he is asking, beseeching, please Panasonic, 400 additional employees, a mile and half down the road. They would just like to use it free of charge, just park there. It seems fair based on what they have provided. He said that he looks forward to your feedback; there is a lot of information that he has gotten from other groups.

Mr. Rapson suggested that Mr. Ullom take his bullet points and send them to him. He said that he will run them back through the Department Heads again.

Mr. Ullom said thank you very much.

Commissioner Brown said that he likes the idea. He thinks there are some things, if you all want to do some things in the park in exchange for getting access. There are some neat projects; Home Depot does this all the time. They are doing this with the Hopeful Primitive Baptist Church restoring historical property. He said it is a neat thing and it is community participation; maybe there is an exchange there and we say they are helping us in the community and we are helping you.

Mr. Ullom said that is what it is all about. He said he is trying to get a precedent; he called some of the other counties. You go to Coweta and you go to any of the parks and they don't charge you. If you want to utilize it, go fishing, it is \$40.00 for an annual permit. That is fair. But, to just go, there isn't. If you say you are going to

charge \$10.00 that is not recouping cost that is a deterrent. It is very obvious if anybody looks at it. He said again, he is asking on behalf of 400 employees based on what they provide to the community, and will continue and they are more than happy to continue to do that, please let them park there. That is all they are asking, park at a reservoir, at a park. They are not going to take anything out. It is a win – win and then he can post on their pamphlets another perk to have employees here. They have a hard time getting programmers.

Commissioner Brown said he understands why they are in Texas; the young people don't want to come down here. He said he gets that, he is very attuned to what he is saying. This is why he is really trying to find a way to do this. We can't bring young engineers down here; they don't want to be down here. He said he has talked to them and he understands exactly what Mr. Ullom is saying.

Mr. Rapson said he will take it under consideration. Mr. Ullom thanked the committee for their time.

COST FOR CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS

Commissioner Brown referenced a customer letter in the Water Committee package from Mrs. Peterson. He asked if we really charge \$3.75 every time she has to do a credit card transaction. Mr. Rapson explained that \$3.75 is what it costs to use that online. Commissioner Brown said that is going to make it prohibitive. He said he cannot imagine anybody wanting to pay \$3.75 on top of a \$60.00 or \$80.00 water bill. Mr. Pope asked what he recommends. He said he has looked at it, and he agrees with Commissioner Brown, but when looking at it from a financial standpoint, we can't assume that cost. Commissioner Brown said he thinks we are going to have a lot more people mailing a check or doing a bank draft. That credit card, you would have to have a massive bill for \$3.75.

Mr. Rapson said he would talk to the folks who put the financial system in place, because we are not getting any of that \$3.75. That \$3.75 goes to them and what he will do is encourage them that they are not going to get any of that \$3.75 as well. He said he will see if he can whittle that thing down. He said he tells folks when they call and complain to him to go to their bank and do it through their bank and it doesn't charge them anything. They will send the check, which is how he pays his bill. Most folks that are going to do it electronically have already set it up in their bank. She was not aware she could do that and she called him back to say it did not cost her anything. But, this is cost prohibitive as well.

Commissioner Brown said he would not use it. He sees it is very convenient to be able to do it, but for \$3.75 on a \$70.00 bill. Mr. Rapson commented that people having their water cut off would pay the \$3.75. Mr. Davenport pointed out that avoiding the 10% late fee could be economical.

Commissioner Brown asked about the person who sent in something about the electronic format. Mrs. Speegle commented that you need the account number and

customer number for Citizen Self Serve. The water bill is being reformatted to make it clear what those numbers are. This is in the process of being completed.

Commissioner Brown commented that we have some of the most intelligent constituents out there. If you do something wrong, they will give you a better way to do it.

Crosstown Water Plant Mural

Commissioner Brown reported that the mural at Crosstown Treatment Plant has started. He got that kicked off and should be done by the end of the month. He invited the committee to go by and take a peek if they get a chance.

There being no further business, Chairman Pete Frisina adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Peter A. Frisina

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 10th day of December, 2014.

Lisa Speegle