

WATER COMMITTEE
MAY 25, 2005
MINUTES

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: **Bill McNally**

STAFF PRESENT: **David Jaeger**
 Russell Ray

ABSENT: **Jim Mallett**

GUEST: **Larry Turner, PTCWASA**

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MAY 11, 2005.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 11, 2005. There was no opposition.

II. PEACHTREE CITY WATER AND SEWERAGE AUTHORITY ANTENNA.

Larry Turner distributed pictures of the Crabapple water tank site and a sketch of the telephone pole he is requesting to install. Mr. Turner stated that what he is proposing is to set a telephone pole between the fence and the property line. It is basically eighty one feet from the northeast corner of the property. If they need to work on it, they would be able to get to it without having to call the Water System.

Mr. McNally clarified that this is for the exclusive use of the Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority. Mr. Turner replied yes, it is for his use in monitoring the Tyrone pump station.

Mr. Parrott stated there is nothing unique about the SCADA system being used. It is just like what is already being used around the County.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to allow the pole to be installed by Peachtree City Water and Sewerage Authority. Mr. Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

III. RECREATION CONSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT.

Mr. Parrott presented a list compiled by the subcommittee. They recommend

changes at all three sites. The tot lot that was installed at Lake Kedron needs a fence around it. It is beside the parking lot. The decking on the boat docks has been in for twenty years and should be replaced. This will be a budget item next year.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that the subcommittee talked about fencing at Starr's Mill, but a walking trail is being considered. The fence should be delayed until they know about the walking trail. The portable toilet serves the amount of public that visits the site. Parking will be denoted by concrete wheel stops, instead of paving in the floodplain. The driveway to the historical marker will be improved. Picnic tables and small single shelters will be added.

Lake Horton Park includes a request to revise the hours to coincide with sunup and sunset which is what the Department of Natural Resources does. Areas that have been closed off to bank fishing will be opened back up. The McCalla tract trail is budgeted and will be done. When the plat is completed, it will be reviewed by the Water Committee. The existing wells are not the water quality that we like to provide to the public. The park ought to be connected to our distribution system. The tree climbing program sponsored by Recreation should continue. It should be scheduled and supervised by the Recreation Department only.

Chris Venice mentioned a sign will be placed at the tree climbing area. Mr. Parrott stated there has been some clearing, and the subcommittee discussed replanting. Replanting will be included in the plat for the new trails. Scout projects, memorials and other individual additions to the park will be reviewed by the Water Committee and recommended to the Board of Commissioners for approval. The pavilions should be free and first come, first served. There have been 1356 people that have used the pavilions since they were opened. Mr. Parrott added that County employees who live out of the County should not have to pay the entrance fee.

Mrs. Venice mentioned that the Water Committee might want to recommend to the Board that we do not allow memorials. Scout projects can be looked at depending on what they want to do. With memorials, how do you turn one down and accept another.

Chairman Watkins mentioned duck and geese hunting being considered at Lake Horton.

Vice Chairman Dr. Patton suggested an arborist look at what kind of trees would be planted when the planting is done. Some good shade trees would be a good idea.

Chairman Watkins asked about the cost of running water to Lake Horton Park. Mr. Parrott responded it would be about \$120,000.00. Right now the water to the water fountain and the sinks at the North rest room are turned off because of the water quality. The committee further discussed filtering the water. Members of the committee agreed

wells should not have been installed, but a waterline run instead. Installing a waterline will put a fire hydrant near the raw water pump station.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners adoption of the subcommittee report on park sites as presented . Chris Venice seconded for discussion to amend item # 7 to say that Scout projects will be reviewed by Water Committee and recommended to the Board and memorials and other additions are not allowed. This should apply to all three parks. Chairman Watkins called for the vote and there was no opposition.

IV. WATER CONSERVATION PRICING.

_____Mr. Parrott explained the recommended changes to the conservation rates is \$16.00 for the first 2,000 gallons, \$2.80 per thousand for the next 17,999 gallons, and \$3.80 for all the water over 20,000 gallons. This change would affect about 10% of the residential customers in the Water System. There are some 1" and 1 ½" residential meters as well as irrigation meters. If they use a large amount of water on an irrigation meter, they should pay extra. These rates are similar to what other counties are doing.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tony Parrott made a motion to go into Executive Session for one legal item and one item of property acquisition. Chris Venice seconded and the committee adjourned to Executive Session. Attorney McNally advised the committee on one legal item. No action was taken.

Tony Parrott discussed one item of property acquisition with the Committee. Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to acquire a particular piece of property. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

Chairman Watkins exited the meeting during executive session. There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton adjourned the meeting at 8:40 A. M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 22nd day of June, 2005.

Lisa McElwaney