

WATER COMMITTEE
JANUARY 12, 2005
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman
 Tony Parrott
 Chris Venice
 Chris Cofty

NON-VOTING MEMBERS: Bill McNally

ABSENT: Chuck Watkins, Chairman
 Jim Mallett

STAFF PRESENT: David Jaeger
 Russell Ray

GUEST: Rick Eastin, City of Fayetteville

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton at 8:00 A.M.

I. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Dr. George Patton nominated Chuck Watkins as Chairman of the Water Committee. Tony Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

II. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Tony Parrott nominated Dr. George Patton as Vice Chairman of the Water Committee. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON JANUARY 12, 2005.

Tony Parrott made the motion and Chris Venice seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on December 8, 2004. There was no opposition.

IV. APPROVAL OF 2005 MEETING SCHEDULE.

Tony Parrott made the motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve the 2005 meeting schedule as presented. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

V. CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE SERVICE AREA CHANGE REQUEST.

Mr. Parrott explained that we have a service area contract with the City of Fayetteville that is based on land lots. In basing it on land lots, occasionally we have some geographic problems with service area. Off Gingercake Road a new subdivision is being built, and this subdivision crosses over the land lot. The end, which is about 16 lots, is cut off from the City by swamp. If we did a service area now, we probably would have used features such as streams, rather than land lots. Mr. Parrott described where the County would serve and then a master meter would need to be installed for City service area. Over

the years we have made several changes in the service area with the City. It has to be done by joint resolution by the Board of Commissioners and the City Council. Mr. Eastin has proposed we do this by credits. The County would pick up these lots from the City, and at some time in the future the County would give the City the same number of lots back to keep it even.

Mr. Parrott commented it would not be very hard to keep up with and it would be a lot better than having two service providers on the same street in the same subdivision.

Vice Chairman Dr. Patton stated Buford Chandler had expressed concern about having to buy a meter from the City and the County both. Mr. Parrott stated he had not talked to Mr. Chandler about a meter.

Mr. Eastin stated there would be a need for a master meter for these 14 lots and then the lots would each have to have individual meters. In effect it would be double metering because of scenario. That is what they are trying to avoid. Come up with a solution that is outside what we normally do. Not only in the initial start of the subdivision, but in the future when someone sees a City of Fayetteville truck working the end of the subdivision, they make a call to the City of Fayetteville as their service provider, but they are on the County. It creates a scenario that we don't want to have to deal with. We don't want the elected officials to have to deal with it either. There is not a natural feature that breaks this subdivision, just the land lot line which as originally laid out, is just a line through the woods.

Chris Cofty clarified that under this scenario they would only be buying one water meter? Mr. Eastin replied each house has to have a water meter. The City of Fayetteville would have to purchase water from Fayette County to service these 14 lots. A master meter would have to be placed at the line point and would need to be purchased by the developer. There will be an opportunity in the South side development to pick something back up.

Further discussion pertained to the cost of a master meter (\$9,000 to \$10,000.00). The County fire department would serve this area.

Rick Eastin stated the City would like to donate or trade these lots to the County and ask that at some point in the future, when something comes up in a similar situation on the South side, they just get it back. It could be five years from now that we are able to work it. It does not make sense to create a problem, that we have identified as a problem. They are trying to give a solution that would be beneficial for everybody.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to accept the 15 or 16 lots at the end of Whisper Creek as credits toward future water service area changes with the City of Fayetteville. Chris Cofty seconded and there was no opposition.

VI. CREEL SURVEY SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. Parrott reported that Mr. Grimes recommended four grass carp per acre. In his report he talks about using sonar. Mr. Parrott stated he prefers not to use a chemical treatment on the lake, if at all possible. The recommendation for fish stocking was to add threadfin shad. Three loads was the suggestion at \$1200.00 to \$1800.00 per load. This would help improve the fishing in the lake. Since we are in the recreational business and have people coming to fish, we ought to do something to help improve that, while we are also talking about the hydrilla. The hydrilla is the most concern because of the organics in the water. It makes a difference in the water treatment. Mr. Grimes also recommended changing the slot size on large mouth bass.

Chris Cofty expressed concern about the amount of grass carp that was recommended would be the minimum control. He suggested putting more than the bare minimum recommendation. He suggested doubling up to make an impact on the hydrilla. We would still come back in a couple of years and add more. Mr. Parrott explained the hydrilla adds organics to the water. The organics combine with chlorine and is one of our biggest problems.

Tony Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners for the following: (a) Stock eight grass carp per acre, (b) Stock three loads of threadfin shad, (c) Install fish habitats, (d) Implement slot limit to protect 14 -18 inch largemouth bass but allow registered tournaments to hold these fish until weigh-in. Chris Cofty seconded and there was no opposition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tony Parrott made a motion to go into Executive Session for two legal items. Chris Venice seconded and the committee adjourned to Executive Session. Attorney McNally advised the committee on these two items. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Dr. George Patton

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 9th day of February, 2005.

Lisa McElwaney