

WATER COMMITTEE
MARCH 23, 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

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MARCH 9, 2005.

Tony Parrott made the motion and Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 9, 2005. There was no opposition.

II. BID OPENING - REPAINTING WATER TANK IN PEACHTREE CITY.

David Jaeger reported the bid opening was on March 15, 2005 for the repainting of the exterior of the small tank in Peachtree City, which is a 250,000 gallon water tank located next to the Avenues shopping center. The low bidder was Tank Pro. Their base bid total was \$121,627.00. Tank Pro was the low bidder on the last project the County had for painting the tanks. They were a competent contractor and we had no problems with them. He stated he sees no problem with them doing this work. Mr. Jaeger went on to say, as the Water Committee is aware, this project will require full containment in order to limit or eliminate any drift of paint or blast materials to adjoining properties. They will completely shroud the tank and contain all the work inside that shrouding. That contributes some to the cost of the project. He recommended awarding Tank Pro the project.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners awarding the bid to the low bidder, Tank Pro at \$121,627.00. Tony Parrott seconded and there was no opposition.

III. RECREATION CONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Parrott referenced a newspaper article showing a rendering of the Kelly Drive Park. This is where the old Distribution shop was located. This site is a recreation site, the Water System will be reimbursed for the land, and it will be a County park in Peachtree City. The County will maintain the property. The Board of Commissioners have already approved the site plan.

Mr. Parrott went on to say he and Chris Venice visited the Starr's Mill site. To put a turning

lane in on Highway 85 would require getting a DOT permit, which would be virtually impossible. Also there is no shoulder to construct a turning lane. It might be possible to do it when Highway 85 is widened, it will be widened to the other side and they will take additional right-of-way on the other side of the road. One suggestion had been to pave the parking at Starr's Mill. He stated he is opposed to trying to pave parking in the floodplain. The parking can be more defined without paving the area. This site is historic and he does not think we want to put a pavilion and grills at this site.

Mrs. Venice commented the new paths at Lake Horton have not been cut for the 5K that was planned. The flags were out identifying the areas, and there is time to re-figure the paths and make it a meandering path, if the Committee wants to. The boat house meets the setbacks and buffers. When the plans for Lake Horton paths are completed they will be presented to the Water Committee for review. Tony and Anita are getting together to discuss Starr's Mill, and that will be reviewed by the Water Committee.

Mrs. Venice went on to say the Tot Lot is already in at Lake Kedron. A fence will be installed around it. There is some general maintenance to be done on the piers and then that project will be complete.

IV. WATERLINE TO RECREATION METERS IN BROOKS.

Mr. Parrott commented that Brooks had complained about the water bill. We still have the same three options in order to solve the problem. We can put an additional 800 foot waterline to serve recreation solely off the County system. It would not go through the Brooks system. We could put a control valve in and monitor for their tank, so they don't run out of water no matter how much recreation uses. Or we could follow the contract and take the waterline back.

The Committee discussed the amount of water used by the recreation department and the amount of water going into the Town of Brooks system when the meter is turned on. Further discussion pertained to the size line needed to run the 800 foot extension, where the best path to run the waterline would be, and how much more recreation might be built in this area.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:25 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 27th day of April, 2005.

Lisa McElwaney

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