

**WATER COMMITTEE**  
**MAY 10, 2006**  
**MINUTES**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chuck Watkins, Chairman  
Dr. George Patton, Vice Chairman  
Tony Parrott  
Chris Venice  
Pete Frisina

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS:**

Bill McNally  
David Jaeger

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Russell Ray

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

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON APRIL 12, 2006.**

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 12, 2006. There was no opposition.

**II. CUSTOMER SERVICE POLICIES.**

Mr. Parrott presented a copy of the policy with changes previously suggested. Mr. Parrott made a motion to approve the Customer Service policy as presented. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

**III. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT.**

Mr. Parrott reported that the subcommittee met and discussed the septic systems and private sewer. This project is continuing. The group is not ready to make a recommendation to the Water Committee at this time.

The consensus of the subcommittee on the line extension policy is to change the current policy in respect to line extensions for existing subdivisions and residences that pay a portion and then get reimbursement through a shared agreement with their adjoining property owners at some point in time. He recommended that the Water System finance the line extension, and charge the rate according to the lot size; instead of one property owner being the one to fund it. The Water System would keep up with it and get the money back as individual customers tie on. It is the same thing we are using currently for an existing subdivision, such as Lynn Drive. Nine out of seventeen people participated. With this amount of participation they each paid 1/17<sup>th</sup> and the Water System picked up the difference and we will get the reimbursement from the other eight whenever they tie on. He proposed doing this the same way, no matter whether it is 600 feet, 1200 feet, or an entire subdivision. That is the policy that appears to work the best. The maximum footage would be 2500 feet from an existing waterline. Any further than this, other variables come up with a line extension. Fire hydrants will be installed on the waterlines. Mr. Parrott

stated he would have a written presentation for the committee at the next meeting.

#### **IV. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT REPORT.**

Mr. Parrott commented that we have a request from an Eagle Scout to put up a couple of Purple Martin houses at Lake Horton. Plans for the houses are included in the information packets. The two houses would be placed in the meadow that is to the right of the boat ramp not used for sail boats. Dr. Patton commented that these birds eat mosquitoes and he thinks it is a good project. Every year the houses need to be cleaned out. They will be placed away from the walking paths, but close to the lake.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to approve this request as approved by the Water Committee. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

#### **V. WATERLINE – GOZA ROAD.**

Mr. Parrott stated on Goza Road in front of Olivia Estates, Steve Entrekin is going to build a five acre subdivision on one hundred thirty acres. He wants to run water. We have a 20" waterline in front of Olivia Estates. Mr. Entrekin is willing to participate with a waterline extension. Our future plan is to go down Goza Road with a 20" line, to tie into the 20" at the end of Goza and Antioch Road. Then it goes out Old Greenville Road all the way down to Snead Road, which is a dirt road. The County plans to pave Snead Road. Mr. Parrott recommended that we ask the Board of Commissioners to participate and we go ahead and install the 20" line. To install a 20" line and then run a 12" line down Old Greenville will cost the County approximately \$450,000.00. This is \$200,000.00 of that. This is a good deal, with Mr. Entrekin paying almost half of the cost of a waterline that we plan to run in the future. Having County water helps with homeowner insurance because the fire rating is lower.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the County participate in this project and fund it through the Renewal & Extension Fund. Chris Venice seconded and there was no opposition.

Mr. Parrott went on to discuss a project at the corner of Brooks Woolsey Road and Antioch Road. The developer will have to run 1,040 feet down Antioch Road toward Lake Horton. Mr. Parrott stated he wants to get the developer to agree to pay us and we would install the waterline as we do the Antioch Road job. The other choice the developer has is to put it in later and we will run the waterline down Antioch Road later. This is not a participation project, but the developer paying us to install the waterline when we do our job. The committee agreed for Mr. Parrott to pursue this matter.

#### **VI. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

Mr. Parrot stated that during the review of the Capital Improvement Program at the last meeting the committee requested that Mr. Jaeger get more current prices on water tank construction. The increase has gone from \$1.00 per gallon to almost \$1.50 per gallon. Since these projects are at least a year away, they used \$1.50 per gallon to estimate the cost,

which increased the price of a 2 million gallon tank from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. It increased the overall CIP \$2,250,000. However, that is over the next five years.

## **VII. VIDEO REVIEW OF LAKE KEDRON.**

Mr. Parrott showed a video of some problems in the buffer area at Lake Kedron. Trees have been cut down, brush and grass has been cleared, picnic tables have been built, boats are docked in the lake, and areas have been burned. City of Peachtree City has been contacted and the problem is being addressed.

## **ADDENDUM**

### **I. DISCUSSION – STYLE OF FENCING FOR LAKE HORTON.**

Mr. Parrott presented photographs of the fence that has been installed by a neighbor that took down the barbed wire fence as you enter the park into Lake Horton. The committee discussed security at the park, and having limited hours for people to visit the park. Vehicle traffic into the park at night has been stopped, but not pedestrian traffic. The committee discussed the best type of fencing. The total fencing needed is about 3700 feet. Having someone on site full time was discussed as something that might need to be done in the future. The group was in favor of black vinyl chain link fence and to plant a buffer behind the fence in the open areas.

### **CITY OF ATLANTA WHOLESALE RATE**

Mr. Parrott informed the committee that the City of Atlanta is raising the wholesale rates. They are going from \$2.25/1,000 gallons to \$2.48/1,000 gallons. Our wholesale rate is \$2.10/1,000.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Parrott made a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of two legal items and one real estate item. Chairman Watkins seconded and the committee adjourned to executive session.

Mr. McNally advised the committee on these items. No action was taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

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Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 24th day of May, 2006.

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Lisa McElwaney