

WATER COMMITTEE

May 9, 2007

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Bill McNally
David Jaeger

ABSENT:

Jack Krakeel

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 MARCH 28, 2007.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 28, 2007. There was no opposition.

II. DISCUSSION OF WATERLINE ON BROOKS WOOLSEY ROAD.

Mr. Parrott explained that the waterline on Brooks Woolsey Road was installed in the early 1980's. We are having problems with it breaking. There have been three major breaks in the last fourteen months. One time it broke under the decel lane going into Lake Horton Landings. It took out the decel lane and the street going into the subdivision. The County Road Department did the repairs, but we found in checking the prices, the cost would have been \$22,000.00 to have a contractor repair the damage from the waterline break. This waterline is paralleled on the other side by the Loop Line. He stated he would like to abandon the 8" line that is on Brooks Woolsey Road and tie all those services over to the Loop Line. This would be about a \$50,000.00 project using Shockley and using his per item bid. There will be a couple of road bores and less than a dozen services. It would take this line out of service.

Mr. Parrott displayed a piece of 12" pipe from a recent main break on Dogwood Trail that is the same type of pipe. It blew out and 3,000,000 gallons of water was lost in the middle of the night because the pipe split. This is C900 pipe, and had been in the ground about 16 years. The pipe on Brooks Woolsey Road is Class 200.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to abandon the 8" waterline on Brooks Woolsey Road and connect the existing services to the Loop waterline. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

III. BID OPENING – CROSSTOWN TREATMENT PLANT MODIFICATION TO SEDIMENTATION BASIN.

David Jaeger reported that the bid opening was on May 3. He distributed the bid tabulations. The bid was for upgrades for equipment in the sedimentation basins at Crosstown Water Plant. It also included relocating an existing alum tank to the chemical storage building, and doing some painting and repair work at the walkway at Lake Kedron between the dam and the intake structure on the lake. We had four bidders and we have worked with all four of them in the past. They are all quality contractors. The low bidder was All South Constructors at \$366,000.00. He commented that Mr. Parrott will talk about budget issues. Assuming that budget issues can be met, he certainly recommends that All South is the qualified contractor. He recommended they be awarded the bid.

Mr. Parrott distributed a diagram of the plant site. He explained that he wants to relocate the alum tank from the water plant over to the chemical building, where we already have an existing alum tank. We have to pump the alum from that tank all the way over to the chemical building. In the past few months, the pump went out when we had alum in the alum tank at the plant and did not have alum at the chemical building. They had to get a pump in order to do it. We are pumping through a two inch line, and that line has broken a time or two, within a concrete trench with concrete lids on it. Operationally, it is a weak link at the plant. Had this problem with alum happened in the middle of the summer, we would have been really sweating. The price of moving it, and hooking it up so it will gravity feed into the chemical building is \$17,000.00, which is a bargain for solving a problem of that magnitude.

He went on to say that one of the other projects on that list is painting the metal at Lake Kedron. It also includes putting a chain link cover over it, like we did at Lake Horton. The children get onto the walkway and then jump off the walkway in an inner tube, into the water. It does not bother him as much when the lake is full, but they continue to do it when the lake is not as full. Since we put the chain link over the walkway down at Lake Horton, we have not had that problem down there. It is twenty years and has not been painted. There is no place to stand underneath it, and the paint contractor would like to paint it when the water level is full, compared to when the water level is eight feet down.

Chairman Watkins asked about the construction being done during our peak season. Mr. Parrott assured him that the work can be scheduled to avoid any problems.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to award the bid to the low bidder, All South Constructors, Inc.; in the amount of \$366,000.00. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

IV. LAKE HORTON PARKING.

Mr. Parrott stated that they have looked at the parking problem at the South Pavilion. There were 156 boats and trailers over the weekend during a recent fishing tournament. They looked at fixing overflow parking down toward the pump station and other areas. The only thing that makes sense is to put the additional parking across from the existing parking. He stated that he would get some prices. They are putting some curb stops out for additional parking and he is in the process of getting some signs printed. We cannot discourage the amount of people who will use the pavilion, with the amount of tables and the amount of space in the pavilion; we don't have enough parking spaces right there. That is something we need to correct. People don't want to park up by the pump station and walk down to the pavilion.

Chairman Watkins expressed concern about people backing into each other. Mr. Frisina commented that as long as there is 24 feet between the backs of both parking spaces, that is all we require anywhere (24 foot travel lane). Mr. Parrott stated they would bring the project back for the committee to review.

AQUATIC GROWTH

Chairman Watkins asked that Mr. Parrott have someone look at the aquatic growth in Lake Kedron. He said there might be a need for some carp in the lake. Mr. Parrott stated he is already looking at Lake Peachtree, because some of the home owners have called complaining that we have some kind of aquatic weed growing that they want us to deal with. Mr. Parrott agreed to get a recommendation and bring it back to the committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attorney McNally requested executive session to discuss one item of real estate acquisition. Mr. Parrott made a motion to adjourn to executive session for discussion of one real estate item. Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton seconded and the committee adjourned to executive session.

Attorney McNally discussed one real estate item with the committee. No action taken.

There being no further business, Chairman Chuck Watkins adjourned the meeting at 9:10 A.M.

Chuck Watkins

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 23rd day of May, 2007.

Lisa Quick