

WATER COMMITTEE
JUNE 13, 2007
MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Bill McNally
David Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT:

Russell Ray

GUESTS:

Larry Turner, PTCWASA
John Munford, The Citizen

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

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON MAY 23, 2007.

Vice Chairman Dr. George Patton made the motion and Tony Parrott seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on May 23, 2007. There was no opposition.

II. DISCUSSION OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

Mr. Parrott referenced a letter from DNR about the drought restrictions. They want us to take an active role in conservation. He presented a graph of the first ten days usage for June. It shows that Friday usage dropped by a significant amount, because no one can water on Friday. The other days run pretty smooth. Water usage early in the morning can get significant. He stated that Mr. Jaeger has been looking at it. We cannot pump 13.2 and 7 million gallons long, but we don't have to do it long, because after 10:00 our customers are complying and the water tanks start going back up. We are doing pretty good, currently under the current system. The load on the system from 5:00 to 10:00 in the morning is unusually heavy. But, they have put this window of opportunity for our customers to water in, and they are using that window. He would have preferred if we could have stayed on our odd/even system that we have used for years because it did not have quite the strain on the system at the different times. We have staff that goes out while they are doing their daily job reading and doing repair work, if they see somebody watering they explain to them what their day is and what the restrictions are. The radio read meter reader, if he is out and about, he will call in and get Customer Service to call the customer, because we don't want him stopping. We are not having much of a problem with the customers.

Mr. Parrott commented that some of his staff is concerned, since the City of Atlanta has gone to one day a week, odd/even, that that will be a significant hit on the system for Saturday and Sunday, with this being the one day that everybody gets to water. We don't know how well that will work. Some other systems, Douglasville Douglas County has talked that if the State mandates one day a week, they are looking at just going to the no watering whatsoever. They can't take the chance to see if they can handle that kind of demand. So, we are trying to come up with an idea on how much water could be used during that one day. If it would be no different than one day they are already getting, it is one thing, but when you tell somebody that Saturday morning is the only time you are going to get to water, he suspects more of them are going to water, because, if nothing else, they will want to water the bushes and flowers. We are trying to come up with some kind of idea on what kind of overall demand we can take on the system.

Mr. McNally mentioned that Mr. Parrott should explain why that one day would impact us differently than it would impact Atlanta. Mr. Parrott explained that most of our excess water usage is irrigation. People are home on the weekend, compared to being not at home during the week on some of these days they already get to water. The hand sprinklers, and the people available to water, are going to be a lot higher for weekends. Mr. McNally pointed out that Atlanta has a heavy daytime population through the week.

Mr. Parrott went on to say that we are doing real well. We have had some minor mechanical problems, but because of the redundancy with pumping and things like that, we have not had any outages. We have had only two significant main breaks in the last few weeks. We picked up an average of 1.2 million gallons per day for the City of Fayetteville because they can't pump out of Whitewater Creek right now. That additional load wasn't much of a problem.

Vice Chairman Dr. Patton asked about Lake Horton. How long, if worse case, this went on for another 60 to 90 days. Mr. Parrott replied we have plenty of raw water, there is no problem. He went on to say that one of the meteorologists has said this is a fifty year event. Because of the reservoir, he feels that we are good for the water demand we have now with the amount of raw water we have. As long as we continue to keep our customers following the water restrictions we have now, where their water use stays fairly constant, it is going good. Lake Horton is a little over 2 ½ feet low, and Lake Kedron is a little over 3 feet. We are still pumping out of Line Creek about a million gallons a day. The permit is for 2 million a day. We are not pumping out of the Flint River.

Mr. Parrott reported that the City of Atlanta is increasing the wholesale rate by 10%. They are going to \$2.72 per thousand gallons. However, we don't purchase that much.

III. UPDATE ON WATER LINE EXTENSION POLICY AND THE HIGHWAY 74 SOUTH WATER LINE RELOCATION.

Mr. Parrott commented that the Board approved a new water line extension policy that had to do with the frontage of a person's property and hooking up to the water. This system is working a lot better than the old system ever worked. They pay one time and there is no reimbursement. That has been a great change to what we had for a policy. Staff is excited about it. The only thing that came up recently is that we have people that are 4,000 to 4,500 feet away from water and want water because of the drought conditions. Even with the new policy we don't have enough money budgeted to do those kinds of line extensions to run that kind of pipe and pick up one customer. We still have that one glitch out there where we are not able to serve everybody even with this policy. It is hard to put \$125,000 worth of pipe in the ground for one customer 4,000 feet away. But we have continued to pick up customers that are 600, 1,200, and 1,800 feet away. One of the most recent ones, by the time they got the water line in out on Neely Road two of the property owners out there were in here to pay to connect to the line under the policy. In these kinds of conditions, we extend the water line, the water line is out there, and they are on a well, they do have interest. Our current contractor on the Annual Contract, Shockley Plumbing, is finishing up with the water line on 92, and then the only thing he has still not completed is Highway 74 South water line relocation. This has been a massive project.

Mr. Parrott went on to say we are close to being on schedule with the relocation of the piping and moving the meter vaults and backflows. The set up Saturday a week ago, we had to shut down almost two miles of Highway 74 water line to do some tie-ins. We coordinated with Shockley, had three crews and we shut down everything from Avery Dennison to Panasonic to Wilden Plastics to TDK. We shut down our biggest users all at one time on Saturday to make the change over. It did not create too much of a problem. They will be working past the contract time of the line extension contract, but the 74 part of the project was an add on by the Board.

Mr. Jaeger spoke on Phase II of the Highway 74 improvement project. He stated that it calls for waterline extension between State Route 85 and Flat Creek at the north end. We have been asked to prepare water line relocation plans that will be incorporated into the DOT plans. The DOT will bid this out with their road work, so the road contractor will be responsible for all the work. He commented that he has the plans substantially complete, and they have been submitted to the DOT utility office for their review. Upon their completion, he will revise any comments they have, and then provide the finished plans to be incorporated into the bid set.

Chairman Watkins asked if Mr. Jaeger would be inspecting the work. Mr. Jaeger replied, yes. His company will be inspecting it for the County.

Chairman Watkins asked if we need to look at the water distribution on the north end of the County again, to fill in some voids for fire protection and services. Mr.

Parrott stated that we have had some line extensions in that area. The most recent was Newton Road. We have county water almost to the Fulton County line, now. The last line extension on Peters Road got water almost to the Fulton County line. That area has picked up, Neely Road is the same way. He stated he would look at the list and give an update to the Committee.

Mr. Parrott stated that on Highway 74 South, we are in an easement outside the right of way. DOT is acquiring new easement for us, outside their right of way. The relocated raw water line will be in an easement outside their right of way. We have the same set up that we had to start with.

IV. UPDATE ON PARKING AT LAKE HORTON.

Mr. Jaeger reported that he spoke with Phil Mallon regarding any requirements for storm water detention at the Lake Horton Park with regard to the Pavilion parking increase. Mr. Mallon agreed that since the water directly drains into the lake and there is no impact to the downstream properties that storm water detention would not be required for the additional parking. He added that he is intending to implement retroactive storm water quality improvements in all parks around the county. Measures would most likely be implemented at this park that would help deal with any storm water quality issues as opposed to storm water detention. The end result was that we can proceed as far as Mr. Mallon is concerned with adding additional parking without any additional requirements for storm water detention or storm water quality.

Mr. Parrott made a motion to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to add additional parking at Lake Horton and to authorize Mallett Consultants to design and bid the project. Vice Chairman Dr. Patton seconded and there was no opposition.

ADDENDUM

I. REQUEST TO USE STARR'S MILL.

Mr. Parrott explained that John Findley had called; he worked on Sweet Home Alabama when they worked down at Starr's Mill doing the movie. They are interested in doing a scene for a new movie, "Meet the Brown's". Tyler Perry and Rick Fox will be in the movie. They want to do a marriage proposal scene at the Mill with the Mill in the background. They are not planning to build any type of set. They will provide a script, if we like. They have asked if we will recommend approval.

The committee discussed if there might be any offensive material. Mr. Parrott agreed to get a copy of the script and then send it on to the Board for approval. He mentioned that, if they did not want the park closed for the day, they could actually go down there and film in the open park without any kind of approval. Their

biggest thing is they need some kind of approval to close the park that day, so they can set up. He commented that this is not the same type of script as the last request that was not approved. Mr. Findley said that they are willing to make a donation to Starr's Mill.

II. CANCELLATION OF JUNE 27, 2007 MEETING.

The committee agreed to cancel the next meeting.

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 11th day of July, 2007.

Lisa Quick