

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting June 17, 2019

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on June 17th, 2019 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were: Board Members Patti Brown, Larry Haley, and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; The Hartwell Sun Reporter Michael Isom; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; and Hart County residents Ron Hutchins, Joe Linville, and T.V. Smith. Board Member Bennie Harper was absent.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Justice motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Public Comments; remarks by invited guests

Mr. Smith requested water service for Whispering Creek Trail. Mr. Smith also stated that there were plans for a Phase II development in the future. After some discussion about subdivision ordinances, Mr. Goran noted that this request is comparable to the North Point Subdivision project in which the developer paid to install the water line.

Mr. Carlton asked Mr. Goran to provide a cost estimate and send out commitment letters. The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Approval of May 20th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Justice motioned to approve the May 20th regular meeting minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Mr. Goran reviewed the HCWSA Available Funds sheet and noted the allocated funds for the new Gateway I Spec. Warehouse. He added that dedicated fire lines did not have base fees if there was no water used during a month and any water used for firefighting is provided free of charge. Mr. Goran expressed his concerns regarding the cost of fire protection meters since HCSWA receives very little if any revenue from those meters.

Mr. Carlton asked Mr. Goran to contact the County Administrator and the Director of Economic Development regarding the contribution of Economic Development funds for new industrial fire protection needs.

Old Business

2018 Community Development Block Grant project

Mr. Goran stated that Arrowood General Contracting had begun the 2018 CDBG project. Mr. Goran reminded the Board that he would be meeting with each qualifying customer individually for service line installation.

GEFA radio-read retrofit and meter replacement project

Mr. Goran informed the Board that Utility Solutions had delayed beginning on the Radio Read project.

Request for Water Service – Mewborn Road, Eagle Grove School Road, Liberty Church Road poultry operations, and residents

Mr. Goran stated that EMI had begun engineering for this proposed project.

New Business

Consideration of applying for a 2020 Community Development Block Grant

Mr. Goran inquired if the Board would like to proceed with the procurement process for engineering and grant writing administration for a 2020 CDBG grant application. The Board agreed to proceed with the procurement process.

Request for water service – Whispering Creek Trail

See Public Comments

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran reminded the Board that a Vice Chairperson should be appointed sometime in the future.

Mr. Goran stated that EMI had applied for a GEFA loan on behalf of HCWSA as they typically do every year. Mr. Goran explained that HCWSA ranked low on the GEFA Intended Use Plan; however, potentially a loan with principal forgiveness could be offered to HCWSA and asked that the Board think about what project it would like to do if chosen.

Members' Comments

None

Upcoming Meetings – July 15th and August 19th

The next Board meetings will be held on Monday, July 15th, 2019 and Monday, August 19th, 2019.

Personnel

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the Field Technician position was open and four applications had been received. After some discussion, the Board agreed that once narrowed down Mr. Carlton would have final approval of the recommended person before making an offer to an applicant.

Adjournment

Ms. Brown motioned to adjourn and Mr. Justice seconded it. The motion passed 4 - 0.

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary