

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting August 17, 2020

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on August 17th, 2020 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, Bennie Harper and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; and The Hartwell Sun reporter Grayson Williams.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

Mr. Harper motioned to approve the agenda. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of July 20th regular meeting minutes

Ms. Brown motioned to approve the July 20th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. He noted the water sales, tapping fees, and number of locates responded to were the highest on record.

Old Business

Eagle Grove School Road Area project

Mr. Goran informed the Board that he expected the project to be completed with the next two to three weeks.

Request for water service – 3685 Elberton Highway

Mr. Goran informed the Board that commitment letters had been sent out and suggested revisiting this request at the next meeting to allow additional time for residents to respond. The Board agreed.

New Business

Request for water service – Haven Drive

Mr. Goran said that he will follow up with property owners regarding potential easements and discussed the option of condemnation.

Request for water service – Topher Street/Ivory Street

Mr. Goran presented a cost estimate for \$35,461.66 and stated that 3 signed commitment letters and two verbal agreements had been received. He recommended that the Board motion to proceed contingent on receiving two signed letters in place of the verbal agreements from a company that owns several parcels in the subdivision.

Mr. Goran said the afore-mentioned company had requested that he ask the Board about a discounted tap price if they purchased a number of taps at one time after construction was completed. The Board declined the request, citing the precedent it would establish.

Ms. Brown motioned to proceed contingent on receiving five total signed commitment letters. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 4 – 0 – 1 as Mr. Haley abstained from voting, saying he knew there were two good public wells there already.

Request for water service – Sidney Pointe

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the most recent water service request for Sidney Point. Mr. Goran recommended following the County ordinance which states that if an entrance to a subdivision is with 1,000' feet of an existing governmentally-owned public water system, the developer must pay the cost of installation. The Board agreed and no further action was taken.

Request for water service – Bio Church Road/McCurry Road

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Director's Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the current Field Technician had resigned effective August 28th and that an employment ad would be published in the next two issues of The Hartwell Sun and other surrounding area newspapers.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water request from a resident on Charlotte Lane, a short distance off a section of Bowersville Highway where HCWSA does not currently have a line. No further action was taken.

Members' Comments

Ms. Brown stated that she had been contacted by several residents expressing interest in water service in the Reed Creek area. She noted that the Reed Creek area was densely populated and suggested looking into that area for future projects.

Upcoming Meetings – Monday, September 21st and Monday, October 19th

The next Board meetings will be held Monday, September 21st, and Monday October 19th, 2020.

Adjournment

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, and Mr. Harper seconded it. The motion passed 5 - 0.

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary