

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting October 15, 2018

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on October 15th, 2018 in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were: Vice - Chairman Hugh Holland; Board Members Patti Brown, Larry Haley and Marvin Justice; Director Pat Goran; Legal Counsel Walter Gordon; Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer; The Hartwell Sun Editor Michael Hall; and Hart County resident Kevin Heaton.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments; remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of September 17th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Holland motioned to approve the September 17th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report.

Old Business

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

Mr. Goran said that no additional commitment letters had been received. Mr. Carlton stated that he would like to discuss beginning engineering work for this project at the next meeting.

General Discussion of “subdivisions”

Mr. Gordon stated that the Hart County Board of Commissioners had agreed to consider revisions to any county ordinance and had offered an open invitation for suggestions.

Mr. Goran shared three key points that he would like to formally suggest for revision: the definition of “subdivision”, the definition of subdivision “entrance” and clarifying provisions for fire hydrants. Mr. Goran added another suggestion regarding the current family exemption, to require the property to remain in that family member’s name for a determined amount of time. He also informed the Board that some utilities use a “minor” and “major” distinction between subdivision definitions and policies. Mr. Goran requested input from the Board. Mr. Gordon supported Mr. Goran’s suggestions.

Mr. Holland asked Mr. Goran to compose a formal letter of suggested changes and send it to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Holland also suggested a stand-alone HCWSA policy to address subdivisions if necessary.

Mr. Goran stated that cost sharing with the developer could be an option. Mr. Gordon suggested negotiating fixed up-front financial contributions toward the cost of installing water lines in subdivisions as opposed to long term commitments from the developer.

Mr. Carlton suggested tabling all subdivision requests until the Board of Commissioners made any revisions to the subdivision ordinance. The Board agreed.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the current two subdivided lots on Memorial Road in which the builder was anxious to connect to county water. Mr. Goran estimated the cost to be about \$2,000.00 and the distance HCWSA would have to extend our 2" line to be about 200 - 250 feet.

Mr. Holland motioned to proceed with extending a 2" water line on Memorial Road with HCWSA Funds. Mr. Haley seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Bayview Road “subdivision”

After some discussion, the Board decided to mail commitment letters to residents on Bayview Road and Lighthouse Cove.

Freeman Drive “subdivision”

The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Golfview Drive “subdivision”

The Board agreed to revisit this topic at the next meeting.

Demolition of out-of-service Royston Highway tank

Mr. Goran said that bids had been received and the lowest bidder was Knott Construction at \$29,000.00. After a brief discussion, Mr. Holland motioned to proceed with Knott Construction contingent on proof of adequate liability insurance. Mr. Carlton seconded the motion which passed 4 – 1 with Mr. Justice opposed.

Declaration of old pick-up truck as surplus

After some discussion, the Board determined that the 2003 Ford F-150 with approximately 229,000 miles could serve no further public use and that there was no benefit to retain it. Ms. Brown motioned to declare the 2003 Ford F-150 as surplus, direct Mr. Goran to request proposals from local interested parties for sale in “as is” condition, and choose one at his discretion. Mr. Holland seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

New Business

Request for water service – Elizabeth Road

Mr. Heaton requested water service to be extended about 1,000' feet on Elizabeth Road to serve residents and a new commercial warehouse to be built. Mr. Heaton stated that he would be willing to contribute to the cost of construction and commit to purchasing three taps.

After some discussion, Mr. Haley motioned to proceed with the water line extension. Mr. Haley then amended his motion to proceed with extending the water line about 1,000' feet on Elizabeth Road, the cost not to exceed \$18,000.00 in HCWSA funds, contingent on Mr. Heaton contributing funds toward the cost of construction. Mr. Holland seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board of the upcoming 2018 CDBG public kick-off meeting on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at noon.

Members' Comments

None.

Upcoming Meetings –November 15th and December 17th

The next two regular Board meetings will be held on Thursday, November 15th, 2018 and Monday, December 17th, 2018.

Adjournment

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

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary