

## **Citizen's Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 15, 2021**

1) **Meeting Called to Order** – Meeting called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m.

2) **Present at the meeting** - Samuel Robinson, Chair, Ronald Bertling, Pat Stephens, and Darius Smith. Tanner Banks is excused.

**Staff Present at the Meeting** – Russ Bergman, City Engineer, Pam Whited with Suez, and Stephanie Wunderlich, Engineering Secretary

New board member Seth Brewer was sworn in.

3) **Approval of Minutes** – Spelling of Ronald Bertling needs corrected, and sentence about manholes needs corrected. Corrections of minutes were unanimously approved.

4) **Customer Comments** – A customer came to City Hall with a note and a copy of his water bills and was requesting credit on his bill for irrigation (watering his lawn). Chair, Samuel Robinson read the Water Adjustment Policy which states that adjustments are for leaks.

- Motion to decline the customer request for credit by Ronald Bertling. The motion was seconded by Darius Smith. The board unanimously voted to decline the customer request for credit.

5) **Staff Report:**

- Most of the water and sewer projects are complete at this time.

Demolition of Needmore Water Treatment Plant – This is the old plant in front of the wastewater plant on Needmore Road that The City shut down approximately 6 months ago. Demolition should be complete in a month. The new plant does have capacity to handle the outgoing flow, however a new well is being planned just to the south of the Rip Rap Water Treatment Plant. This well will provide even more water and is a good back-up for the system.

Water Lining Project – Next year The City will continue the Water Lining Project to assist with water main breaks. According to the Suez water report there were 105 breaks so far this year. That is less than last year.

Mardi Gras Replacement Project - The City received funding to replace the water main in this area due to numerous breaks. This project will begin next year.

Center Point 70 Water Main Extension - The City will be doing a water main and sanitary sewer extension to this area next year. The area is currently serviced by Clark County; however, Huber Heights owns the water mains and sanitary sewer system. The City received money through ARPA and will be using the money for this project. Sanitary sewer will be run from Fairborn's wastewater plant, north on State Route 4 straight to Center Point 70. Water Main will be placed from Belle Plain, north on Bellefontaine, boring under I-70 and then on to Center Point 70.

Sanitary Sewer Lining Project - This project will continue next year.

Water Main Survey - A consulting company will be locating all fire hydrants and water main valves for Suez to be able to locate these in the instance there is a water main break.

Emeraldgate Water Tower - The inside of the water tower and possibly the outside will be painted next year.

#### **6) Suez Report -**

- One skid was cleaned at the Rip Rap Water Treatment Plant.
- Lead and copper sample testing was conducted for the EPA.
- Sewer inspections were conducted, and the lines were cleaned.
- Hydrant flushing was conducted. This is a yearly project.
- Customer Service - There is still one job opening to be filled.

#### **Board Discussion:**

Samuel Robison:

- There was a media release on October 26<sup>th</sup> for the last opening on the Water and Sewer Advisory Board. Applications for the position are due by November 26, 2021.
- Mr. Robinson would like to locate the Mayoral Proclamation from the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner to read to the board.
- In some locations on the City's website, it is showing the 2016 Drinking Water Quality Report.
- The board discussed two newspaper articles about PFAS and salinity.
- The board would like to extend their gratitude to Scott Falkowski for his work as the City Manager and previously as the City Engineer.
- Mr. Robinson read from an article about the candidates for the City Council election and their focus on the City's water issues.

**6) Old Business:**

A letter was drafted to the customer of last meeting's request for credit. The customer was on vacation and believed the workers nearby were using her water hose. The letter advised the customer to contact Metro Net and see if it was one of their employees. The letter also informed the customer that the board voted not to credit their bill.

**7) New Business** - The Chair and Vice Chair will be voted on at the January meeting.

**8) Next Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

**9) Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.