

Citizens Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Police Community Room

November 21, 2022

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

2. **Present at Meeting:**

Members – Samuel Robinson, Chair, Tanner Banks, Vice Chair, and Seth Brewer.

Absent- Darius Smith

Staff – Russ Bergman, City Engineer, Stephanie Wunderlich, Engineering Secretary, and Pam Whited, Veolia.

New Members Lisa Jeter and Yog Singhal were sworn in.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes from May 16, 2022, were unanimously approved.

4. **Customer Comments** – No customers were present. There was a written request for credit submitted to the board by Katherine & William Slone asking for relief from their water bill due to someone leaving a spigot open, possibly for a few days. After board discussion, Tanner Banks made a motion to deny the request for credit on the water portion of the bill, but allow the refund for sewer that falls under the City code. Seth seconded the motion. The board unanimously voted to accept Tanner’s motion.

5. **Staff Report** –

Water Integrity Study – Burgess & Niple was the consultant on this study. The study was given to the board to review and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Sanitary Project – This project is in the east part of the City by Route 4. We will be connecting to Fairborn’s wastewater plant and going north to Center Point 70 with both water and sewer. This will end the agreement the City has with Clark County, who is currently servicing this area. Both the water and sewer portions of the project should start in January.

Board discussion: Yog asked for a cost analysis for the project.

- This project is funded through ARPA

Watermain Replacement Project – Watermain will be replaced in the Hubbard, Holbrook, Cruxten, and Helwig area, and also on Mardi Gras Dr. These areas have had numerous breaks over the last few years.

Public Works – The City is looking at putting in a new Public Works building off of Center Point 70.

Well at WTP- The City is purchasing 100 acres for a new well that is being place at the water treatment plant on Rip Rap Road. This will help the water plant keep up with the new developments.

Stonehurst Water Tower – Fencing will be replaced here.

Carriage Trails – The developer is looking at annexation into Bethel TWP. This would be a development of approximately 1200 new homes. It is unknown at this time if utilities will come from Miami County or Huber Heights.

New construction:

Heathemere Woods on Bellefontaine, West Port, across from Lexington Place, is on hold, Waverly across from the Oaks, The Gables just north of The Reserves.

Marian Meadows is currently being demolished. An apartment complex will be there along with the new Sit Stay and Play, and Library.

Board discussion – Sam asked about Tri Cities Authority doing an expansion.

- Wastewater rates are in the process of being increased to cover the City's portion.

6. Veolia Report:

- There are supply issues with water meters and Veolia may not be able to replace meters this year. This will result in billing estimates.
- Production rate was at 5.7. It can go up to 7.7
- Will add stats for the sounding machine starting next year. This machine uses sound waves to determine blockages in pipe.
- Valve operations Program started in the north part of the city.
- Lead and copper testing came back clear.
- Well #2 is scheduled for cleaning

Board discussion - How does the billing estimate work?

- The highest bill will be thrown out and the rest of the 12 months of bills will be averaged to get the proper amount.

7. Old Business:

The board would like to schedule a tour of the Water Treatment Plant

8. New Business:

- There is still one vacancy on the board. It is currently being advertised.
- Sam attended the Volunteer Recognition Dinner held on September 14.
- Reminder to sign up for Diversity and Inclusion Harassment Training. It is mandatory.
- Add Council presentation in August to Old Business for next meeting.
- Elections for Chair and Vice Chair will be help at the January meeting.

- Water Voucher Program – The City will be offering water to citizens that lose use of their water due to main breaks. The voucher will be printed on the back of the usual notice that is hung on the door during a main break. The citizen can then go to Lowes and use the voucher to get a free case of water.

9. Upcoming Meetings – The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.