

Citizens Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Council Conference Room

March 18, 2024

1. **Meeting Called to Order** – The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

2. **Present at Meeting:**

Members: Lisa Jeter, Harald Loeschke, Samuel Robinson, Mike Mullen, Yog Singhal

Staff: Russ Bergman, Stephanie Wunderlich, Pam Whited, Gary Bunnell

Citizens: Donald Keith Thorndyke II

Motion was made by Mike Mullen to suspend the agenda and swear in new member Harald Loeschke. Samuel Robinson seconded that motion. Harald Loeschke was sworn in.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – There were no minutes to approve.

4. **Customer Comments** – Donald Thorndyke II was present from 4203 Silver Oak with a complaint about a spike in his water reading and water bill in November/December of 2023. The board heard Mr. Thorndyke II's complaint and will table it until the next meeting after receiving further information from Pam Whited. The board requested Pam do a data logger for the new meter that was placed at the residence and let them know the findings. They would also like to know what the sewer rate charges were for this bill; in case they would do a forgiveness on the sewer rate only. They also requested that Stephanie Wunderlich contact Mr. Thorndyke II with some follow-up questions: Was he in town during this consumption time and if he was, did he have any visitors. The board will go over the information and discuss via email to all members. Mr. Thorndyke II will be informed of the board's decision via a letter.

5. **Staff Report:**

Current projects:

Sewer Lining Project –The sanitary sewer in the south end of town is all clay pipe and approximately 60-70 years old. Tri-Cities has used a camera to determine which pipes are the worst and those will be lined. Approximately 8,000 feet of pipe will be lined.

Water Main Replacement Program – \$4 million in pipes will be replaced this year, mostly in the area between Chambersburg Road and Fishburg Road.

Well at Rip Rap Road Water Treatment Plant – Design for the new well at the water treatment plant is in the design stages. This project will be bid out in the fall.

Emeraldgate Water Tower Painting – The water tower was painted, and this project is complete.

East Water Main/East Sanitary Main Project – This project is to extend water and sewer to Center Point 70. The utilities in this area are currently being served by Clark County. If residents in that area choose to connect to City utilities, they will pay an assessment fee and the fees for tap-in permits.

Water Meter Replacement – The City is looking into a program to replace all of the water meters in the city.

Pressure Filters – The water treatment plant is having issues with pressure filters and losing media. There will be a presentation at the Council meeting tomorrow regarding this.

Board Discussion:

Dayton plans on doubling the number of wells they already have on Rip Rap Road across the river from the City's wellfield. Gary said that EPA will do a study to make sure there are no issues with our wells because of this.

The City has a plan in place for increasing security at the water treatment plant to prevent cyber-attacks.

6. Veolia Water Report:

- Just finished cleaning all 4 skids.
- There is still a supply issue with water meters. 500 were ordered in February and they will be in around November.
- Skid #1 had a gasket failure and the chemical feed room flooded ruining the chemical feed pumps. The problem was able to be resolved the same day and did not impact residents.
- Well #3 and well #1 will be rehabbed soon.
- UCMR 5 testing is complete.
- CCR will go out in May/June. Must be sent to Miami County by April 1. This will be on the City website and on the doors at Veolia once approved.
- The Veolia Annual Report has been submitted. It will be presented to City Council sometime in May. Stephanie Wunderlich will send out an email to the board when the date is finalized. Samuel Robinson reminded everyone that they are encouraged to attend to view the presentation.

7. Old Business: There was no old business.

8. New Business:

- Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair:

Mike Mullen motioned for Samuel Robinson to be appointed chair; Lisa Jeter seconded that motion. The vote was unanimous.

Samuel Robinson motioned for Mike Mullen to be appointed Vice Chair; Lisa Jeter seconded that motion. The vote was unanimous.

- Stephanie reminded everyone to RSVP for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner by April 5.

9. Upcoming Meeting – Monday, May 20, 2024

10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.