

Citizens Water and Sewer Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Council Conference Room

March 17, 2025

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

2. Present at Meeting:

Sam Robinson, Chair, Mike Mullen, Vice Chair, Lisa Jeter, Hal Loeschke. Ed Petticrew is excused, Yog Singhal is unexcused.

Customers present – Charles Penzien and Beverly Ridgeway.

Staff Present- Gary Bunnell, Veolia, Russ Bergman, City Engineer, Stephanie Wunderlich, Engineering Administrative Assistant.

3. Approval of Minutes –Mike Mullen motioned to approve the minutes from November 18, 2024. Lisa Jeter Seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Customer Comments –

- Lisa Ridgeway 5969 Taylorsville Road – Someone turned the water on in front of her mother’s vacant residence causing them to have over \$700 in water bills. A report was filed with the Huber Heights Police. Mrs. Ridgeway is requesting the sewer portion of the bill be reimbursed.
- Charles Penzien 6497 Prairie Creek Court – A flood occurred in the basement due to water coming in through the floor drain. A mitigation company was called immediately, along with the insurance company. Raw sewage also came through the drain. Veolia did come out and clear a blockage in the sewer main. There was some damage to cabinets and flooring. There was also a water main break in the area at that time, and Mr. Penzien was wondering if this also was a cause of the flood. Russ said the watermain break was not at Mr. Penzien’s house and did not have any effect on the flooding. Gary said this was a routine stoppage that was handled as quickly as possible and that routine maintenance and inspections had been done.

There was a board discussion regarding the customer requests for credit, however without quorum it was decided that Stephanie would email the board the information and the board would do a vote via email. The vote for Mr. Penzien would be for recommendation only and will be forwarded to City Council.

- Customer request for credit from the November meeting - Ms. Mongarez was sent a letter in December informing her of the board’s decision to deny her request for credit.

5. Staff Report:

Current Projects:

Canal Heights – This is a new, large housing development across from Lexington Place on Chambersburg Road.

Waverly – This is a senior living style development on Bellefontaine. Development should begin in the summer.

Carriage Trails – Annexation was passed, and construction on Section 1 will most likely begin in the summer. There will be approximately 120 homes in the first section.

Carriage Park Apartments – This development is at the exit off of Brandt going into Carriage Trails.

Creekside Woods – This is a condo development at the west dead end of Charlesgate.

Reverb Apartments – These will be across the street from the Rose Music Center.

Sanitary Sewer Lining – This year's project consists of a mile to 2 miles of sewer being lined.

East Sanitary and Water Projects – Both projects are almost complete. A sanitary pump station was placed near Buc-gee's and turned on today.

Water Main Replacement Program – This project will begin in a month and includes area on Rye, Barnard, Bergan and Naughton.

New Well – Water main will be installed and the well put in.

Marian Meadows – The new City building is being constructed out front by Brandt Pike. It should be done in September or October.

Water Treatment Plant – There is a lot of working being done to the pressure filters where media was being lost. The City water is currently not as soft as it has been, and the iron is a little high.

6. Veolia Report:

- The report is for November/December.
- Customer service numbers were up this year from last year.

- Customer complaints were down.
- Discolored water complaints were up due to the work being done at the WTP.
- Water usage was down this year, partly due to the leak detection study.
- Water main breaks went down one from 36 to 35.
- All water meters will be replaced in the city, hopefully within the next 3 years.
- Well #7 has been drilled.
- The Veolia report to City Council has not been scheduled yet. This will be put on Old Business next meeting.

7. Old Business – Request for credit, Tyler Pratt: Stephanie has made several attempts to contact Mr. Pratt and has not received a response. Stephanie will make one more attempt.

8. New Business:

- Everyone should have received an invitation for the 2025 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.
- Everyone should have received an email for Volunteer of the Year nomination.

9. Upcoming Meeting – The next meeting will be on May 19, 2025.

10. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.