

Hart County Water and Sewer Authority Board of Directors Meeting July 18, 2022

The Hart County Water and Sewer Authority met on July 18th, 2022, in the Hart County Cooperative Extension Service Building. Chairman Wade Carlton called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present were Board Members Larry Haley, Bennie Harper, and Patti York; Director Pat Goran; Attorney Kim Higginbotham; Board Member Marvin Justice participated via phone. Board Secretary/Treasurer Holly McBrayer was absent.

Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Public Comments: remarks by invited guests

None

Approval of June 20th regular meeting minutes

Mr. Haley motioned to approve the June 20th regular meeting minutes. Mr. Harper seconded the motion which passed 5 – 0.

Financial report

Mr. Goran presented the financial report. He noted that both the retail water sales and number of new single taps were the highest on record. Mr. Goran stated he had purposely decreased the percentage of water purchased from the City of Lavonia due to taste and odor complaints.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that the Berryman Road subdivision project had been paid by the developer.

Mr. Goran discussed the increasing cost of installing new taps and the possible need to increase tap fees.

Old Business

2020 Community Development Block Grant project update

Mr. Goran informed the Board that all of the main lines had been installed as well as pressure tested, and good bacteriological test results had been obtained.

Mr. Goran stated that after onsite testing, the hydrant at the end of Friendship Road did not meet ISO requirements. Mr. Goran cited achieving recommended fire flows, operational loop benefits, and eliminating a long dead-end line as justification for connecting this line to our existing system at the Pearson Drive - Friendship Road intersection. Mr. Goran asked that the Board reconsider the proposed Friendship Road loop.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

Discussion of water and sewer service delivery territories

Mr. Goran informed the Board of an impending annexation request for parcels that bordered Parkdale Drive, Fairview Avenue, and Liberty Hill Road. Mr. Goran stated that that one of the three parcels is split between The City of Hartwell and HCWSA's service delivery territory and that there may be more discussions at a later date.

Mr. Goran informed the Board that Hart County Board of Education had purchased land on Bowman Highway and that the BOE had reached out to him to inquire about water and sewer service to the newly purchased parcel. He stated that HCWSA has a waterline there, but that the lack of sewer in the area could become an issue in the future with the City of Hartwell and similar issues may arise with the new jail as well.

New Business

None

Director's Comments

Mr. Goran informed the Board of taste and odor issues that the City of Lavonia was experiencing and how it has affected HCWSA's system.

Mr. Goran noted the volume of locates received in June.

Mr. Goran informed the Board of a water line extension for the Liberty Hill subdivision and that the developer had contributed to the majority of the cost.

Mr. Goran said that he will be on vacation from July 25th to August 1st.

Members' Comments

None

Upcoming Meeting – August 15th, 2022 and September 19th, 2022

Adjournment

Mr. Haley motioned to adjourn, and Ms. York seconded it. The motion passed 5 - 0.

Wade Carlton, Chairman

Holly McBrayer, Secretary