

CITY OF PELHAM WATER BOARD
Pelham City Hall – Conference Room
June 9, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Proper notice of the meeting of the Pelham City Water Board was given at least seven (7) days in advance of such public meeting and the notice remained posted through the scheduled meeting.

Members of the Pelham Water Board met June 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Conference Room in Pelham City Hall. The meeting was open to the public.

Call to Order

The Pelham Water Board meeting was called to order by Water Superintendent Gary Waters at 6:35 p.m. The city clerk called roll and announced that all members of the board were present.

Present: Superintendent Gary Waters
Board Member Rick Hayes
Board Member Ron Scott
Board Member Beth McMillan
Board Member Maurice Mercer
Board Member Karyl Rice

Media Present: Molly Davidson, Shelby County Reporter

Others Present: City department heads, city employees, and members of the public

Approve Minutes

Karyl Rice moved to approve the April 29, 2013 Water Board Minutes and Rick Hayes seconded the motion. By voice vote the minutes were approved unanimously by those members present.

Old Business - None

New Business

1. Shelby County water rate increase and impact on Pelham water rates

The Board discussed the five wells Pelham currently has in operation and the capacity at which they operate. They discussed if Pelham was dependent on Shelby County water and to what extent.

Superintendent Waters asked if Pelham has an automatic cost of inflation rate increase built into our water rate structure, and Public Works Director Eddy Jowers replied we do not. Mr. Waters suggested we include a trigger in our rate schedule to automatically adjust our rates when the Shelby County rates go up.

Mr. Waters suggested the Board meet every June to review the water rates and make recommendations for consideration during the annual budget review.

2. Future water/sewer capital projects and projected costs

Water:

Director of Public Works Eddy Jowers discussed items on the Water Capital Project Plan spreadsheet which included: painting three water towers, replacing PVC pipe in older water lines, upgrading water meters to radio-read meters, equipment replacement/maintenance as needed and other unforeseen needs, water mapping, SCADA replacement, a generator for the Weatherly Booster Station, a 14" water line through Oak Mountain State Park, a 20" water line along County Road 11, and a second water supply to Ballantrae.

Mr. Jowers reported the projected costs to run a water line through OMSP is 1.3 million and to replace all PVC pipe throughout the city would be between \$12 and \$13 million.

The Board discussed the water meter exchange/upgrade to radio-read meters and whether or not to require all new development to have the new meters. Mr. Jowers was asked to get the start-up costs for the necessary equipment, readers and truck to implement the new system, before the board makes a decision of when to require the new meters.

The water mapping project currently has interface issues, and the SCADA water equipment is outdated and parts are extremely hard to obtain. The 2007 agreement between Shelby County, Alabaster and Pelham to install a 20" water line along County Road 11 was recommended to be put on hold until Alabaster decides if they are still interested in proceeding with the project.

Sewer:

Mr. Waters asked how much the adjusted summer sewer rates cost the city. The projection was \$100,000 to \$150,000, but the actual revenue difference was \$60,000.

Mr. Jowers discussed the Sewer Capital Projects – Anticipated Timeline spreadsheet which included: WWTP mandated upgrades from ADEM, Lift Station M odor control and generator, lift station rehabilitation, sewer mapping, general equipment replacement and unforeseen projects, SCADA replacement, collection system rehabilitation and a portable generator for the Buck Creek Station.

Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Jowers to consolidate the water information he presented into a single spreadsheet and do the same for the sewer information, stating it would be much easier to work with.

Members of the board thanked Mr. Jowers for the information provided comparing the Pelham rates to the rates of surrounding communities.

3. Review water/sewer warrants

There was brief discussion regarding the payment schedule showing the city's payments on the warrants and dates they would roll off.

Board and Public Comments

Mr. Scott asked how many water accounts we had for customers living outside the city limits of Pelham. Connie Harris will provide information at the next water board meeting.

Mrs. McMillian asked for the total number of customers we serve, and how many of those are outside of the city.

Mr. Mercer asked about the meter inventory the city has on hand. Water Superintendent "A.B." Booker said we have approximately 100 brand new meters. Mr. Mercer asked how many new accounts we anticipate for the new radio-read meters. No definite number was given.


Mr. Hayes asked Mr. Jowers to be prepared to give a quick update at the next council meeting.

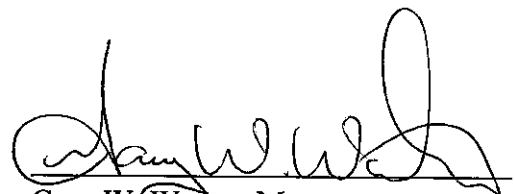
Mrs. McMillan asked if the operations cost shown in the information from Mr. Jowers included the 7% Shelby County increase in 2015 and going forward. Mr. Jowers replied that it did.

Adjournment

With no other business before the board, Maurice Mercer moved to adjourn the water board meeting and Ron Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote of those members present and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of June 2014,


Marsha Yates, CMC, City Clerk


Gary W. Waters, Mayor

