

**Regular Meeting
July 16, 2015**

Chairman Mr. Robinson called the regular meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Saraland, Alabama, to order at 6:30 P.M., at Saraland Water Service meeting room with the following Board members present:

Present:	Absent:
Mr. James Davis	
Mr. Allen K. Wine	
Mr. Ron Mitchell	
Mr. Jackie Haines	
Mr. O'Neil Robinson	

Mr. Raymond Bell of Bell Law Firm was present. Mr. Darryl Russell of McCrory & Williams was present.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting with a prayer.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Davis reported since the last meeting the men have completed 43 water line locates and 21 work order request cards.

Mr. Haines reported since the last meeting the outside personnel have removed the hydraulic cylinder for repair on the Vermeer. Mobile Machine and Hydraulic has made the repair, our personnel re-installed.

Mr. Mitchell reported since the last meeting 7 - ¾" radio read meters and 5 - ¾" backflows have been installed. The lime pump located at Well #1 is back in service.

Mr. Wine reported Pam Boykin will be out July 17th, 2015 for gall bladder surgery.

Old Business:

Mr. Robinson welcomed Mayor Rubenstein to the meeting. Mayor Rubenstein addressed the Board and representatives. Mayor Rubenstein would like for the Board to make a decision on the City of Saraland's written proposal for Saraland Water to take over the City Sewer System. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept the offer outlined in Mayor Rubenstein's letter and also take the offer of taking over the Saraland Sewer System. Mr. Haines seconded. Mr. Mitchell called for discussion. Mr. Mitchell presented a projected six year budget for the sewer system for each Board member to review projecting a profit. Mr. Wayne Biggs also made a presentation in

reference to the current Sewer System facilities. The Mayor and Council has prioritized the immediate needs and upgrades before approaching the Board with the offer to take over the Sewer system. The Mayor and Council budgeted \$318,000 for upgrades and repairs for the fiscal year. Some of the listed items have been repaired and additional items are in line to be repaired by September. The Mayor and City Council wanted the Sewer system to be in tip top shape now and in the future. Mr. Haines inquired as to whether the feasibility study done by McCrory and Williams if the concerns will be addressed in the current City Council budgeted repairs. Mr. Mitchell stated the City Council has agreed to complete all the planned repairs and pay the invoices for the repairs that are in progress even after the deadline of September 30, 2015. Mr. Robinson voiced his concerns with the increase of rates required to sustain the Sewer System. After some discussion the vote to accept the Sewer System of Saraland effective October 1, 2015.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Wine	No
Mr. Haines	Yes
Mr. Davis	Yes
Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Robinson	No

Mr. Robinson thanked Mayor Rubenstein and Councilman Wayne Biggs for attending the meeting. Mayor Rubenstein thanked the Board Members for making this difficult decision and appreciated everyone voting their conscience. On behalf of the City, the Mayor is very pleased with their decision and would like to move forward post haste, my goal is to get the transfer accomplished by the start of the fiscal year October 1, 2015. The Mayor with the Board's permission would like for the City's attorney to get together with the Water Board attorney to get the paperwork going.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the Tank Maintenance proposal. Mr. Hennis will give an update during his report.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the full time Water Service Operator position. Mr. Hennis will give an update during his report.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the Cherry Hill Subdivision. Mr. Davis stated no information to report. Mr. Haines would like to discuss numbers. Mr. Robinson would like this discussion at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the Chemical Bid. Mr. Hennis reported there will be an update at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

New Business:

Invoice for ratification:

Invoice #SWSB-1 of 12 from Grant Management LLC for grant petitioner in the amount of \$2000.00.

Mr. Robinson stated there is no action required for this invoice because the Board agreed to the contract at an earlier meeting.

Mr. Robinson welcomed Fire Marshall Randy Young to the meeting. Mr. Young would like to present a letter of appreciation from the Saraland Fire Department to the Saraland Water Board employees for a repairing a ruptured water line located Fire Station #3. These men are to be commended for the service provided and a job well done.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on Mrs. Robinson's recommendation to open a promotional OA II position from the Mobile County Personnel Board. Mr. Davis made a motion to send a letter to Mobile County Personnel Board to open the promotional OA II position. Mr. Wine seconded. Motion carried.

Report of Officers:

Mr. Robinson would like for Mr. Hennis to proceed with the 158 line extension to the Saraland City Limits.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Hennis reported there has been a power surge or lightning strike at the Norton Avenue Booster Pump station and burned up one of the VFD. Mr. Hennis is currently getting prices. The station is currently running off the magnetic drive until this can be replaced.

Mr. Hennis reported he is continuing to receive applications for open positions.

Mr. Hennis reported Mrs. Robinson has contacted Regions in reference to the loan for the tank maintenance agreement.

Mr. Hennis attended the Planning Board meeting Tuesday night. Kushla has sent a letter to the Planning Board stating they can provide the necessary water flow to service the new subdivision.

Mr. Hennis and Mr. Russell met with the Grant Petitioner and they have come up with a plan.

Mr. Hennis will meet with Mr. Russell in reference to the ALDOT Celeste Road Project.

Mr. Hennis has sent Tank Pro a list of items that need to be addressed, however we have not received a date to schedule the repair. Mr. Hennis will email them again.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Russell nothing to report this meeting.

Attorney's Report:

Mr. Bell nothing further to report.

Correspondence:

Invoice #SWSB-1 of 12 from Grant Management LLC, Re: grant petitioner, dtd 6/15/15 (\$2000.00).

There being no further business to come before the Board; Mr. Wine made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davis seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

ATTEST:

RATIFIED AND APPROVED:
