

## **Regular Meeting March 19, 2015**

Chairman Mr. O'Neil 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:

Mr. Allen Wine  
Mr. O'Neil Robinson  
Mr. James Davis  
Mr. Ron Mitchell  
Mr. Jackie Haines

Absent:

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

Mr. Haines opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **Committee Reports:**

Mr. Wine reported since the last meeting Mrs. Robinson has completed the payroll audit and submitted it to workmen's compensation insurance. The books have been posted and balanced manually as well as in the computer.

### **Old Business:**

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the Feasibility Study of the Sewer System of Saraland. Mr. Russell reported Volkert is continuing to gather information to be reviewed. Once this report is received a list and cost estimates will be compiled and submitted to the Board. Mr. Bell spoke with the Bond representative about the transferability of the bonds that is and always will be a call of the Bond holders. Mr. Bell believes they would probably not provide that without some other assurances, because what we would actually be doing is diluting the collateral position that they already have. The Bond holders would need to be consulted at the appropriate time.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the main frame/workstation upgrade. Mr. Rowe is continuing to transfer the files to the new mainframe.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the website development. Mr. Haines reported there are some problems with the pay pal account and Regions Bank. Mrs. Benson is requesting all Board members send a photo and bio to be added to the website.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the Saraland Water Service footprint. Mr. Bell has shared the remainder of the documents with McCrory & Williams, who has plotted a map from the descriptions provided.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the tank maintenance proposal. Mr. Hennis and Mr. Russell are still reviewing the proposal.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on a grant petitioner. Mr. Mitchell gave each Board member an email contacting Grant Management LLC, Cara Stillman requesting a proposal if interested in the position of grant petitioner. Mrs. Stillman replied she is very interested and will present a proposal to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting on April 2, 2015. Mr. Haines also has a prospective petitioner and they will send him a bio, which he will present to the Board.

Mr. Robinson requested the Board go into executive session. Mr. Bell deems the matter to be appropriate to go into executive session for approximately 10 minutes.

Mr. Haines made a motion in reference to the Superintendent position to request the Personnel Board send the register of eligible candidates. Mr. Wine seconded. Motion carried.

### **New Business:**

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on a one step merit increase for Reginald Rogers. Mr. Hennis recommends this raise. Mr. Davis made a motion to grant a one step merit increase for Reginald Rogers. Mr. Haines seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on a one step merit increase for Terrance Brown. Mr. Hennis recommends this raise. Mr. Haines made a motion to grant a one step merit increase for Terrance Brown. Mr. Wine seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the pump repair located Well #2. Mr. Hennis reported two prices have been received to pull the pump, reinstall, disinfect and install a 30 hp submersible pump while under repair. Mr. Hennis requested permission from the Board to get prices to replace the pump instead of rebuilding. After some discussion the Board gave Mr. Hennis permission to acquire prices to be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the office surveillance system. Mrs. Robinson recommends upgrading the existing system to a DVR Board system. Mr. Wine would like for Mrs. Robinson to get prices on the new system to be presented for review at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Mr. Robinson opened the discussion on the Fluoride scales located at Well #1. Mr. Hennis reported the repair cost was \$640.00 and replacement price would have been \$2400.00. Mr. Hennis would like approval for this repair. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the repair of the fluoride scales at a cost of \$640.00. Mr. Haines seconded. Motion carried.

### **Report of Officers:**

Mr. Mitchell reported The Keep Saraland Beautiful and the City of Saraland would like for the businesses who have complied with the City Ordinance of removing their business signs to also remove the poles holding the signs.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

Mr. Hennis reported the Caterpillar Generator has been moved and repainted while Well #2 is being repaired.

Mr. Hennis would like for the Board to consider replacing the existing 2” water line located on Hummingbird Drive approximately 200’ due to numerous repairs over the years. Mr. Hennis would also like for the Board to consider replacing a 6” water line located on Highway 43 in front of Allied Steel, this line is approximately 10’ deep and is a safety hazard when repairs are necessary.

**Engineer’s Report:**

Mr. Russell stated nothing more to report.

**Attorney’s Report:**

Mr. Bell stated nothing more to report.

**Correspondence:**

Emails from Saraland Chamber of Commerce, Re: Saraland Citizen of the Year (March 27, 2015)

Email from 811, Re: House Bill 62 Introduction

There being no further business to come before the Board, Motion by Mr. Haines to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Wine. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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