

Regular Meeting
January 4, 2024

Chairman Mr. Mitchell called the regular meeting of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Saraland, Alabama to order at 5:30 P.M. at the Saraland Water and Sewer Service Maintenance Building with the following Board Members present:

Present:
Mr. Ron Mitchell
Mr. James Davis
Mr. Scooter Thronson
Mr. Jackie Haines
Mr. H O'Neil Robinson

Absent:

Mr. Stewart Thames stood in for Raymond Bell, Board Attorney, Mrs. Katie McGuyer, Board Engineer and Ms. Cara Stallman, Board Grant Administrator, was in attendance.

Mr. Davis opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Mitchell informed the Board of the offer made for property next door was refused, and this will go no further. Mr. Mitchell also informed the Board of the meeting next Wednesday and the time.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Davis reported that since the last meeting the outside crew has worked One Hundred fifteen (115) 811 Alabama Locates, with twenty (20) work orders for water and zero (0) for sewer.

Mr. Robinson reported that since the last meeting leaks on Bayou Sara Avenue, Ponce DeLeon Drive W and Dale Street, all 2" have been repaired.

Old Business:

At this time, there was no Old Business.

New Business:

The Chairman started the discussion of the 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment. Mr. Thronson made motion of a 5 ½% Cost of Living Adjustment. Mr. Haines seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Davis made motion to give Mrs. Dismuke, Treatment Plant Operator I, a 2 ½% merit increase. Mr. Thronson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Invoices for Ratification:

Water Invoices:

Pace Analytical Services, LLC, inv# 2335586621, dated 12/18/2023, in the amount of \$1,181.20, reg: Quarterly, Stage 2 DBP's. Sheppard Services, inv# SI-2599, dated 11/30/2023, in the amount of \$5,983.92, reg: 50HP vertical hollow shaft motor. Sheppard Services, inv# SI-2621, dated 12/14/2023, in the amount of \$8,249.11, reg: 75HP vertical hollow shaft motor. Volkert Inc., inv# 00311099, dated 12/7/2023, in the amount of \$2,807.50, reg: LCRR Compliance Assistance. Central Pipe Supply, Inc., inv# S100326034.006, dated 12/5/2023, in the amount of \$11,520.00, reg: Final invoice of Beacon Upgrade. Mr. Haines made a motion to combine and pay water invoices. Mr. Thronson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sewer Invoices:

Danco Service Inc., inv# I-10275-1, dated 9/20/2023, (received via email 12/18/2023) in the amount of \$1,600.00, reg: gas connection for generator at 900 Forest Avenue. Danco Service Inc., inv# I-13509-2, dated 9/20/2023, (received via email 12/18/2023) in the amount of \$1,100.00, reg: gas connection for generator at 195 Celeste Road. Danco Service Inc., inv# I-10595-3, dated 9/20/2023, (received via email 12/18/2023) in the amount of \$1,600.00, reg: gas connection for generator at 815 Deer Run Drive. Saraland Area Chamber of Commerce, inv# 3958, dated 12/12/2023, in the amount of \$1,000.00 reg: 2024 Sponsorship Campaign. Volkert Inc., inv# 01011098, dated 12/7/2023, in the amount of \$44,791.25, reg: Norton Creek SS inflow & infiltration rehab. Mr. Davis made a motion to combine the sewer invoices and pay them. Mr. Thronson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report of Officers:

Mr. Davis has informed the Board that he has a design for the patch and will have communication with Mrs. Robinson to finalize our safety patch.

Mr. Vaughn reported to the Board what is wrong with at least two Wells. Mr. Vaughn also reported on the quote he received for the slab the container will sit on. Mr. Chairman ask the Board of any objection to the discussion to come to the floor for reasons, not being on the agenda, with no objections Mr. Thronson made a motion for the approval of a four inch, Three Thousand pound per square inch slab, not to exceed Fifty-Six Hundred dollars. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Vaughn also informed the Board of older meters and the need to replace the transmitter on them, the Chairman asked that this item be placed on the next Board Meeting Agenda.

Mrs. McGuyer updated the Board on Norton Creek Sanitary Sewer/Rehabilitation, updates on Forever Wild, working with Ms. Stallman on the ADECA Energy Savings Grant, and details of how far she has with compiling the LCRR list.

Ms. Stallman pointed out the Board of the Restore Act guidelines as of the date of this meeting and applying for the Energy Efficient Grant.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Motion made by Mr. Davis to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Haines. Meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

ATTEST:

RATIFIED AND APPROVED:
