

**Regular Meeting
September 7, 2023**

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. Scooter Thronson
Mr. H O'Neil Robinson

Absent:
Mr. James Davis
Mr. Jackie Haines

Mr. Raymond Bell, Board Attorney, was not in attendance. Mrs. Katie McGuyer, Board Engineer and Ms. Cara Stallman, Board Grant Administrator, was in attendance.

Mr. Mitchell opened the meeting with prayer.

Committee Reports:

Mr. Robinson reported of repaired 6" main line on Martha Alleyn Drive and installing a 6" Tap on Highway 43 with an installation of a ¾" tap on Martha Alleyn Drive.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Davis (customer) to please address the Board of his concern. Mr. Davis informed the Board of him installing an irrigation system, and a month later it broke, with further discussion and following the Board policy, Mr. Thronson made a motion for Mr. Davis to receive an adjustment on the sewer portion of his bill of \$45.83. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Mr. Mitchell had a meeting with Mayor Rubenstein, which he informed the Board of the contents of said meeting. Mr. Mitchell then stated Mayor Rubenstein asked Saraland Water and Sewer Board to participate in the construction of the 8" Sewer Line under Highway 158, the city is giving the developers a break on the sales tax and asked us to pay for the line going under Highway 158 at 100%, Mr. Mitchell informed Mayor Rubenstein that this is not possible but Saraland Water and Sewer Service would pay fifty-percent but not to exceed \$150,000.00 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand), the estimate was given to be \$200,000 to \$300,000 for the entire job. Mr. Thronson made the motion that Saraland Water and Sewer Service be allowed to go up to \$150,000.00 on the 8" Sewer line under Highway 158 at the Altmayer/Highway 158 Development. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mrs. McGuyer for an update on the relocation of Commerce Park Pump Station (Forever Wild Relocation). Mrs. McGuyer stated that there have been no changes and will have communication with Mr. Bell next week. Mr. Mitchell added of his communication with Mr. Bell and informed the Board that Mr. Bell has presented our paper to Forever Wild in Montgomery, and we are waiting for their response.

New Business:

Mr. Mitchell informed the Board of placing item of Mr. Riley, Jr. from Jackson Attorneys, to be placed at the end for reasons on going into executive session.

Mr. Mitchell made it aware to the Board of the absence of Mrs. Pendley.

Mr. Mitchell explained the next item on the agenda of Digester Control System replacement at the WWTP. Mr. Thronson made the motion for the Digester Control System at the WWTP to be replaced at the cost of Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00). Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Mitchell also explained the need to purchase a new submersible pump at one of the Lift Stations. Mr. Thronson made the motion for the purchase of said submersible pump. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Mr. Thronson made a motion for Ms. Garrick to receive a one-step 2 ½% merit increase. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Invoices for Ratification:

Water Invoices:

The Tire Works, Inc., inv# 124, dated 8/29/2023, in the amount of \$1,230.95, reg: Tires, upper control arm, lower ball joints R&R on Truck # 37. Ferguson Waterworks, inv# 1499340, dated 8/30/2023, in the amount of \$2,515.00, reg: tap on 26 East Everett. Mr. Thronson made a motion to combine and pay water invoices. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Sewer Invoices:

Hammco Tree Service, inv# 23-0830-03, dated 8/30/2023, in the amount of \$2,500.00, reg: cut and disposed of three (3) water oaks. Mr. Thronson made a motion to pay the sewer invoice. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Report of Officers:

Mr. Willard reported of the ADEM inspection on the Water side that took place the day of this meeting and the ADEM inspection on the Treatment Plant the week before. Both inspections went well.

Mrs. McGuyer reported of viewing the plans from the City on sidewalk project in Spanish Trace, making sure there is no conflict with any of our lines, Shelton Beach Estate CIPP phase II project is closed out, Norton Creek is still active, she also reported on her work of the Lead inventory.

Mr. Thronson made a motion for the Board to adjourn in executive session for the time frame of thirty minutes, at said end of thirty minutes the September 7, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting for Saraland Water and Sewer System will be adjourned. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:47 P.M.

ATTEST:

RATIFIED AND APPROVED:
