

City of Derby
Water Pollution Control Authority

May 162017
Regular Meeting Minutes

Jack Walsh, Chairman
Robert Miani
Rose Marie Pertoso
Kelly Curtis
Alex Lethich

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Present – Jack Walsh, Alex Lethich, Kelly Curtis, Rose Marie Pertoso and Robert Miani.

Public Portion

Ted Anglace, 37 Bank Street asked why his bill went up so much. Mr. Walsh explained that the Board has nothing to do with that. The water usage is reported by the Water Company to the WPCA and the bill is based on that. Mr. Anglace stated that he feels that his water usage is high and Mr. Walsh stated that the City has no control over individual water usage.

Adjustment to Orangewood East 2017 bill (leak)

Mark Lieberman, Pyramid Real Estate, which is the property management company for Orangewood East was present. He stated that some adjustment was made to the bill. He stated that there are 180 units with one main water meter. He stated that major construction was done on the system and in November they noticed that water was rushing in one of the mains. He stated that he spoke with Aquarion Water to see if there were any leaks and they did verify that there was a leak. He stated that they are asking for a further adjustment to their bill. Mr. Curtis noted that the leak when on for thirteen weeks and he felt that the adjustment should be what Aquarion would give them. Mr. Curtis moved that the credit has done under best practices equivalent of what Aquarion Water credits them. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lechich and carried unanimously. Mr. Lieberman sated that there is no irrigation system and the repair was done the day before Thanksgiving. Mr. Curtis stated that the leak went on for a long time. Mr. Curtis then rescinded his motion and Mr. Lechich rescinded his second. Mr. Miani moved to table the matter and look at the previous year or two to get an average usage. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

Derby Housing Authority

Steven Nakano, Executive Director, Derby Housing Authority was present and stated that this is regarding the Baron Block building at 31-37 Anson Street. The bill is past due and they are looking for an adjustment. It was noted that then they purchased this building the meters were stolen and water just ran. Mr. Nakano stated that there was some miscommunication when they purchased the building. M. McGuire stated that they have known about this bill for years and she spoke with the board and attorney. Mr. Walsh stated that the WPCA can only go back three years by state statute. Lindsay King stated that he doesn't know where the water went it was never investigated. He stated that he cannot confirm that it did not go into the system. Mr. Nakano stated that there is no water in the building at this time it has been shut off. M. McGuire stated that the bill is old. Mr. Walsh stated that he would like to get a legal opinion before discussing this any further. Mr. Curtis moved to table the matter to get an opinion from legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Miani and carried unanimously.

Engineers Report – Project Updates

Mr. Tedeschi stated that a review meeting was held with Weston & Sampson, Westcott & Mapes and Lindsay King on Roosevelt Drive. They went over the comments received and incorporated those into the drawings. They are moving forward with the site design package. They received the new survey and by June 1st the site design package will be submitted. They will be going out to look at the site and final design drawings will be done in August. He stated that they will start the permit process in September with Planning & Zoning, Inland Wetlands and the DPT. They are looking to go out to bid in early winter so it will be ready in the spring.

He stated that they did a site visit at the factory making the concrete structure for Burtville and Division Street and that is moving forward.

Mr. King stated that the work went very well but they still have to go into the road to do some work so there will be some traffic interruption.

Mr. Tedeschi stated that regarding Emmett Avenue they met with Patty Finn and this will go out to bid with the road bond project. They have the contract documents and incorporated comments that would pertain to WPCA. This will be bid as one package and will go out soon. The bids will be due by June 1st.

Mr. Curtis stated that the Infrastructure Committee felt that the inspector at the project should be someone other than Lindsay King who could be there all day. This way the individual will be able to see everything going on. He stated that was the recommendation of the Infrastructure Committee.

Approval of Minutes April 19, 2017.

Mr. Miani moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lechich and carried 4-0-1 with Mr. Curtis abstaining.

Approval of Bills for April 21, 2017-May 12, 2017, Bills over \$5,000.00.

Mr. Curtis moved to approve bills from 4/28/17 in the amount of \$65,788.73; bills from 5/12/17 in the amount of \$14,803.15; bill from Pullman & Comley dated 5/3/17 \$174.00 and bill from Pullman & Comley dated 4/16/17 in the amount of \$1,435.00. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pertoso. Mr. Walsh felt that these should be tabled until someone reviews and signs off on the bills. Mr. Curtis rescinded his motion and Ms. Pertoso rescinded her second.

Mr. Curtis moved to approve the bills from 4/28/17 in the amount of \$65,788.73. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pertoso and carried unanimously. Mr. Curtis moved to table the Pullman & Comley bill from 5/3/17 until someone reviews the bill and determines what the outstanding balance is. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

Approval of Referendum bills.

Mr. Curtis moved to approve payment of the referendum bills from bond money as long as they are approved by the Infrastructure Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

Mr. Curtis moved to approve the bill from Weston & Sampson in the amount of \$4,150.00 from WPCA funds. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

Finance Reports

The members reviewed the finance reports that were submitted.

Adopt Proposed WPCA Budget for 2017-2018.

The members reviewed the proposed budget and Mr. Lechich felt that an independent auditor should review it. Mr. Lechich moved to approve the budget subject to final formatting by the auditor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pertoso and carried unanimously.

Discussion of Billing

Mr. Walsh stated that someone contracted the office and Major about the second billing. He stated that the WPCA has gone to two bills instead of one because this would lessen the burden on the taxpayer. He also stated that there is no reference

On the bill to the City website and he felt that this should be on the bill. He felt that this would be easier for everyone.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Walsh commended Lindsay King on the Ecofest at the Plant. Mr. King stated tours of the plan will be held that day showing the process and equipment. He stated that he worked with the engineer on the Emmett Avenue project. He stated that there have been some operational problems which have been resolved. He stated that the inspection report is back from DEEP and there were some comments. Mr. King stated that he will find out what should be done. He also stated that the RFQ for the regionalization study is out from VCOG.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.


Transfers

There were no transfers needed.

Mr. Walsh noted that a public hearing will be held on May 31, 2017.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Pertoso, seconded by Mr. Curtis and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Maryanne DeTullio