

TONTITOWN WATER & SEWER COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES 05-06-2008

1. ROLL CALL – At 4PM All Commissioners present except Baker who arrived during update on sewer project. Also present: Mick Wagner, Rebecca Bennett, Mark Dossett, W&S Attorney, Britt Vance, Chuck Nickle both of USI Engineering.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – A motion by Goddard to approve agenda as written and 2nd by Zulpo, motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 04/01/08 and 04/25/08 meetings – A motion by Gunderson to approve both minutes as written and 2nd by Goddard, motion passed unanimously.

4. REVIEW FINANCIALS – Wagner presented the financials, stating that sanitation are up. Water and sewer sales are down, but will catch up later in the year. Service fees have been up due to sewer connections. Cost of computer support is up due to updates done at the beginning of the year, network problems and work done on water admin's computer. City sales tax is down.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Update on Sewer project (connection letters)** – Delcina Cunico, who owns a commercial building at 620 E Henri de Tonti Blvd., spoke about her complaints at being forced to connect to the sewer system since her septic system is working properly. Mark Dossett stated that he spoke with David Schoen, with the Municipal League, who doesn't feel Tontitown is aggressive enough in having customers connect to sewer. Wagner stated that the ordinance adopted by Tontitown mirrors Springdale's ordinance. Wagner spoke with Mr. Keiser, the AR Plumbing Code plan reviewer, who verified that more than one commercial building can be connected to one water meter as long as they are on the same parcel. Chuck Nickle stated that five of the eight easements have been obtained for Change Order 12, for the sewer line behind OOPS. One owner wants two taps instead of one and two owners want compensation. Another option to spend the remaining funds is identified in Change Order 13. This would be for a sewer line, about 2,400 ft, running along the Northeast city limits line. The easements are in the process of being obtained. The contract time for this will be extended sixty days. Whichever Change Order easements are received for first, that will be the one the contractor will begin on. Mark Dossett prepared a Resolution stating that two Change Orders will be approved, but only one will be used depending on the easements received. A motion by Gunderson to adopt Change Order 13 and 2nd by Goddard, motion passed unanimously, with the exception of Mike who abstained. A motion made by Goddard to adopt the Resolution and 2nd by Gunderson, motion passed unanimously.
- B. Update on Water Master Plan Study.** – Britt Vance stated that there are no updates at this time. He did, however, answer questions from Bill

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Brandt regarding presentation of Water Master Plan, copies of which were given to all commissioners after last meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Review SOP 100 amendment** – Mick Wagner stated that the SOP has been revised to make exceptions for church's who use less than 3,000 gallons and aren't considered commercial. The SOP would still allow the Commission to require church's to connect to sewer if they deemed necessary. New churches would still be required to connect. Gunderson suggested that the words 'church purposes' be changed to 'religious purposes.' Motion to table made by Gunderson and 2nd by Zulpo. Motion passed unanimously. Jimmy Jones, pastor of Truth Tabernacle, stated that the church just put in a new septic system when the church went in. Wagner stated that the sewer lines at Vellagio de Perona, behind Truth Tabernacle, will eventually be dedicated to the city. Zulpo suggested that Truth Tabernacle be allowed to hook onto this line when it is approved. Motion for letter of acceptance with all fees paid after acceptance of final plat for Vellagio de Perona made by Gunderson and 2nd by Zulpo. Motion passed unanimously.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS – Bill stated that this might be the last meeting and thanked Wagner, Commissioners, and the engineers for all work done.

8. ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn made by Zulpo and 2nd by Goddard. Motion passed unanimously.