

TONTITOWN WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES 02-24-2009

1. ROLL CALL – At 3PM All Commissioners present, except Larry Goddard. Also present: Mick Wagner, Rebecca Bennett, JR Carroll, W&S Attorney, Wade Phillips, USI Engineering.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR 01/28/09 meeting – A motion made by Baker to approve agenda as written and 2nd by Brandt, motion passed unanimously.

4. REVIEW FINANCIALS – Wagner stated that the net income is about \$21,000 and the projected income was about \$24,000. All expenses and income items are close to what was projected, with the exception of depreciation expense. The numbers have not been got from the auditor to put in the system.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Update on Water tank project** – Phillips stated that the plans and specifications are 50% complete. The project can be resumed once a tank site is found. USI can proceed with the project, but the site will affect the plans. Change orders would most likely be needed. Brandt questioned whether a water tank is needed now since there is the SCADA system to monitor the water flow. A motion made by Brandt to table the water tank project until needed and 2nd by Zulpo, motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Recap 2/20 WWA meeting regarding realigning service area** – Gunderson stated that Wagner, Brandt and Dossett attended this meeting. Wagner stated the RDA Board Chairman, WWA Board Chairman, Josh Moore, the county attorney, the county judge, the county chief of staff, and Wayne Blakenship also attended this meeting. There were a few places that weren't included in the water boundary on Eldridge, Dale Rouse and Kissinger. Wagner stated that he redrew the area and sent to WWA for comments, but didn't hear a reply. Carroll then called Mr. Moore, who wanted to redraw the boundary to follow individual parcels. The GIS techs have posted this to the website. At times we are reliant on the county database, which isn't always accurate with parcel information. Wagner stated that there might be problems with both options of redrawing the boundary. Parcels can be split. The place of water service will have to be physically checked out to make sure it will be in Tontitown's area. There will now be a definable area and there will be no meter outside of Tontitown's water boundary. Brandt stated that Moore wanted to create a map showing the boundary.

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Wagner stated that putting it on the GIS would be a better idea. Carroll stated that Moore doesn't want WWA meters in TWU's area or TWU meters in WWA's area. Gunderson questioned what is needed to put the new boundary on Washington County's records. Carroll stated that Tontitown needs to first make sure WWA's map is agreeable. Wagner stated that the Quorum Court, ANR, Springdale Water District, and Two-Ton has to approve the change. Wagner stated that the parcels and dates should be put in a database for future use, since some of the parcels will most likely change. Carroll stated that there will need to be an agreement with Tontitown and WWA's signatures.

7. COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS – Brandt questioned what the status is of the new water contract with Springdale. Wagner stated that Langston wants the WWA problem resolved first. Chuck Nickle asked for an explanation six weeks ago of how Springdale put the numbers together. Wagner stated that Nickle has prepared the paperwork to backup a letter that needs to be written to Springdale Water asking for answers. There also may be some more charges that could be attributed to AEP. Wagner stated that HB 1048, which has passed, allows the water department to mandate another water authority to shut off water for past due sanitation bills. Since the past due bills can now be collected, Wagner suggested that the \$0.50 charge be taken off of customers bills. The lawsuit can't be dropped because there are expenses involved. Carroll stated that the judgment can be turned into a lien. Wagner questioned whether these fees can be added to the bill. Carroll stated that he isn't sure they can be added to the bills. Wagner suggested that the attorney notify the customers that their water will eventually be shut off and the fees involved may be greater if they wait to pay. Gunderson stated that he would like to talk to the attorneys more about it. Wagner stated that a recommendation should be made to the council to take off the \$0.50 off of the sanitation bills and \$1 credit be applied for 2 months we have charged for the collection fee, since the new law now assured of collection. Waste Management has raised their rates without notification and billed the city for this month and the previous month. Wagner sent an e-mail to them notifying them that we would not be paying for this increase since the proper notification wasn't given. Waste Management then sent an e-mail back stating they would adjust the bills.

8. ADJOURN – A motion made by Brandt to adjourn and 2nd by Zulpo, motion passed unanimously.