

## **MINUTES**

### **PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING**

**June 2, 2008**

**PRESENT: Charles Rollins  
Dean Lay  
Bud Knott  
Marilyn Nixon  
Lex Orr**

**This meeting of the Monteagle Public Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 PM by Mayor Charles Rollins.**

**The following items were discussed:**

- 1. TRACY CITY PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD - Water Bill - It is our understanding that Tracy City will not turn on the water meter for us to purchase water from them until we have paid the last bill we received for this meter. The city's position is that we were overcharged for the water and don't owe the bill. The council asked the city recorder to contact the city attorney to assure that payment of this bill would not prevent us from pursuing a refund of overcharges. Ald. Lay made a motion to authorize the mayor to pay the outstanding water bill to Tracy City subject to the city attorney saying that this would not jeopardize recovery of any money overcharged us, as shown in the 1999 contract. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried 5/0.**
- 2. RATE CLASSIFICATIONS - Jim Boynton and Lex Orr have been working together to establish classifications and the charges for those classifications. These charges can then be adjusted up or down as necessary. There will also be a Utility Improvement Assessment which is being worked on at this time.**
- 3. UTILITY IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT - This amount will most likely be a flat fee that will be assessed to each customer to pay for the necessary improvements to the water and sewer system. Ald. Lay noted that the council does not have any choice in establishing fees to make the improvements that we are required to do. The only choice is in how we will pay for those improvements. Ald. Orr noted that there are a lot of unknowns in these proposed figures, but the one thing that is not unknown is that we must establish revenues to pay for the improvements that have to be made. Ald. Lay made a motion to have the city attorney or MTAS draw up an ordinance to establish the Utility Improvement Assesments which will be passed on three**

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readings before it takes effect. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 4/1 on roll call vote with Ald. Knott voting no. Ald. Orr asked where we are with the grinder pump system and the mayor stated that we can't do anything more on the system until we get the loan. He noted that it will be 30-45 days after we are approved for the loan before bids will be opened.

4. **NATURAL GAS SYSTEM** – Jim Boynton reported that we have an RFP (request for proposal) in the attorney's hands. He will send the RFP's out to all interested parties and have them back by June 24<sup>th</sup>. John Greeter from ERPUD distributed a packet of information about that utility to the council members. Ald. Lay made a motion that the RFP's be in our hands no later than June 24<sup>th</sup>. Ald. Knott seconded the motion which carried 5/0. The council will review the RFP's at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. **AUDIT REPORT** – Ald. Orr said he has been in contact with Don Darden from MTAS. They will be assisting the city with some of the policies that will be addressed. Ald. Lay said he had a call from Chad Jackson who is an attorney for the comptroller's office, and Mr. Jackson told him that Dennis Dycus would not be meeting with the council. Dean said that Mr. Jackson told him there are no criminal findings in the audit and they have made their recommendations.

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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**Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder**