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PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

September 8, 2008

PRESENT: **Charles Rollins**
 Dean Lay
 Marilyn Nixon

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. WATER & SEWER RATE SHEET – Grundy Housing has asked the city to consider changing their classification from commercial to residential. At this time we have no residential sewer customers outside the city limits, so an outside residential sewer rate has been established and added to our rate sheet. This would have to be done before Grundy Housing could be changed. Ald. Lay made a motion to adopt the rate sheet with the new outside city limits residential rate. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion which failed 2/1 on roll call with Mayor Rollins voting no. Ald. Lay suggested we meet with MTAS to review our classifications.**
- 2. DONATIONS – Tabled**
- 3. FINANCE OFFICER – Tabled**
- 4. 2008-09 BUDGET - Third Reading – Tabled**
- 5. NATURAL GAS SYSTEM – It was suggested by the city attorney that we should do an ordinance to approve the sale of the gas system. This would require three readings since the sale would affect the budget. Ald. Lay made a motion to hold special meetings on September 15th and September 22nd at 5:00 pm for the purpose of passing this ordinance, to advertise these meetings, and that the**

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third and final reading of the ordinance be held at the regular monthly on September 30th. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it carried 3/0 on roll call.

- 6. BILL KILLIAN – The city attorney reported on the following items that he is working on: A.) Tracy City contract – the attorney for Tracy City called him to apologize for losing Bill’s letter. He will talk to the Tracy City board and get back to us with a date to meet on this contract. B.) MSSA – The attorney for the Assembly called him today and wants to discuss the possibility of a licensing agreement with the city. They are interested in working out a settlement of this case which is currently set on the court docket for trial on November 25th. The council asked Mr. Killian to contact Larry Cash and ask him to send a proposal for what they would like to do to settle this suit. C.) Middle Tennessee Natural Gas – He said he had discussed dates for the change of ownership for the gas system. We are trying to close by September 30th. Mike Corley, the attorney for Mid-Tenn asked the council to consider letting them display some items such as gas logs and water heaters here at city hall. He also asked if it would be okay to leave applications for service at city hall. He said residents will be able to pay their gas bills at Mountain Valley Bank and Citizens Tri-County. There was also a discussion about Sonic and Mr. Boynton said someone from TDEC was here last Thursday. Mr. Killian was asked to call TDEC to discuss Sonic. He said he would report back to us when he has an answer from them.**
- 7. ARCADIS – The council asked Mr. Killian to review our contract with Arcadis to see what the process is for billing us. We have received two invoices that are for work done two years ago.**
- 8. HAILEY ENGINEERING – Anthony Pelham presented their work so far on the plans for the new wastewater plant. He mentioned that there could be a problem with pumping from plant one to plant two. He said that there is only a 6" line coming from plant one. They don’t think that is sufficient. If the new**

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grinder pump system gets rid of the bulk of the I and I, the problem would be less, but there still could be problems during time of high usage. One solution would be to build a holding tank at plant no. 1. He said he mentions this only so we will be aware that there could be a potential problem since this is not part of their design work. He wanted us to be aware of it since he feels it is a concern that we need to address. Neal Westerman said he thinks we need an additional pump at plant no. 1 because, if something happens to the only pump we have there, we could have a serious problem. Ald. Lay said it seems that we need to have a contingency emergency plan. It was noted that the state has everything they need for the SRF except the environmentals. We should be able to start the Marion County low pressure system by December. There was a discussion on the work being done on Wren's Nest Road. There was a question about the material to be used for the culvert. Ald. Lay made a motion to authorize the mayor to complete this project using PVC casings for the water and sewer and to notify Middle Tennessee Gas that if they want a casing for the gas that they supply the material for the bore. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. It was reported that we are waiting on a permit from the state for the power line. Ald. Lay made a motion to authorize the mayor to sign the cover sheets for this project concerning location of the utilities on Wren's Nest Road and Hwy. 41. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 3/0. The mayor asked Hailey about inspecting our water tanks. They will recommend someone to us as they don't normally do this kind of work. It was reported that a letter was sent to the state asking about impoundment for a reservoir but no reply has been received as yet. There was a report on the pump at Cooley's Rift – we should be done laying the line very soon. All work should be substantially completed and water pumping next week.

9. **WATER RATES** – Ald. Nixon asked if someone could go on GCTV to clarify our new rates. She also asked that the rates be posted at city hall.
10. **TINSLEY PAVING** – Estimate on paving Wren's Nest Road – Ald. Lay asked if we should look at doing concrete. Mr. Boynton said the concrete is \$87.00/cubic yard. Asphalt is \$62.00/cubic yard if we get it through the state.

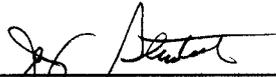
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It was reported that we will not be doing the cul de sac, so the price for this work on Wren's Nest will be reduced from the \$49,500 quote from Tinsley.

- 11. CARLY PAYNE & PHIPPS – The mayor reported that they are almost done with the repairs on the interstate lighting. Ald. Nixon asked about getting the bulbs changed in the lights in the median that are out. She reported that there are 11 of them out. The mayor will get the police department to mark the ones that are out and have the crew change them. There was a discussion on getting a battery back-up and a timer for these lights.**
- 12. REMOTE READER SYSTEM – Tabled until next meeting.**
- 13. LANDSCAPING GRANT – Ald. Nixon said she would like to get with the mayor to look at the landscaping. He will meet with her for lunch on Monday, September 15th.**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder