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MONTEAGLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2009

(Reconvened from April 14, 2009)

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

This meeting of the Monteagle Public Utility Board was reconvened at 10:04 am by Mayor Charles Rollins, and is a continuation of the meeting of April 14, 2009.

The following items were discussed:

- 1. HABITAT RESOLUTION 2009-135A– Kevin Gilliam informed the Board that we have to do a habitat assessment and a semi-quantitative assessment for TDEC before we can proceed with some of our sewer work. We had planned to ask the University of the South to do this survey, but TDEC was not comfortable with this so he has asked Griggs & Maloney for a proposal. They have given us a cost of \$6450.00. He said the study has to be done in the spring and in the fall and he is not sure if this is for just the spring survey or will include the fall as well. He said we were originally supposed to do more than one year, but Angela Young told him that if we could get one good set of fall and spring testing done, they would consider this finished. Ald. Lay suggested that we go ahead and approve this amount now and, if it does not include the fall testing, then we can approve that amount later on. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the \$1800.00 for the habitat assessment and the \$4650.00 for the semi-quantitative assessment for a total of \$6450.00. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0 on roll call.**
- 2. MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – Mr. Gilliam said that the city attorney asked him to get some figures together on the water and sewer systems at the Assembly. He said Anthony Pelham has been**

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working on this and would be here shortly to give us a report. Mr. Gilliam recommended to the council that any action on the system at the Assembly be delayed until after the court hearing tomorrow.

- 3. POLICIES – TAUD has a disk the city can purchase for \$100.00 with various policies that pertain to utility districts. They also have a book for managers and commissioners for \$75.00. He recommended delaying any action on policies until we can purchase TAUD’s disk and review it to see if there is anything we can use on it. The council agreed to this, but noted that they would like to have a workshop on policies when the disk arrives.**
- 4. SPRINT – Mr. Gilliam said he has obtained a copy of the contract with Sprint covering the cell tower antenna they have on our water tank. They are wanting to have a subcontractor do some work on the antenna, but the contract does not cover anything about subcontractors. The mayor mentioned that the last time Sprint did any work on the antenna they burned the epoxy off of the inside of the tank. Ald. Orr made a motion to authorize Kevin Gilliam to meet with Bill Killian and Hailey Engineering and study the contract. Ald. Nixon seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**
- 5. FIRE DEPARTMENT – There was a discussion about Kevin Gilliam answering fire calls for the Sewanee Fire Department when he is on the job for Monteagle. Ald. Knott said he needed to let someone know when he answered fire calls in Sewanee. Ald. Orr made a motion to allow Kevin Gilliam to go to fires in Sewanee at his discretion as long as he advises the city that he is going to a fire. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0.**

The meeting was recessed at 10:35 to wait for Anthony Pelham. Ald. Lay had to leave the meeting at this time.

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At 10:47 am the meeting reconvened with Mayor Rollins, Ald. Orr, Ald. Knott, and Ald. Nixon in attendance.

Anthony Pelham was present to discuss the estimated value of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly's water and sewer system. The Assembly has approached the city to take over their system by way of settling the court case where they have sued us over our rate structure for billing customers with master meters. Attached to these Minutes is a copy of the figures he provided. He said he felt the Assembly's system would need a lot of work to bring it up to the standard's of a utility district. He felt the system would have a negative value to the city. The mayor asked Mr. Pelham for his opinion and he said he did not feel taking over the Assembly's system was in the best interest of the city in its current condition. He said, if the city did consider taking over the system, the Assembly should pay the city a sum of money sufficient to cover the cost of upgrading the system which, in his opinion, would cost several hundred thousand dollars. The council took no action on taking over the water and sewer system of the Monteagle Assembly. Ald. Orr asked Mr. Pelham about the de-watering boxes. Mr. Pelham said he is waiting on the contractor's drawings.

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder