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MONTEAGLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

June 2, 2009

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

This special meeting of the Monteagle Public Utility Board was called to order at 10:00 am by Mayor Charles Rollins.

The mayor announced that the purpose of this meeting is to review a proposal from Griggs and Maloney to do dye testing in Trussell Creek which has been mandated by TDEC. This is the only item of business to be discussed.

Kevin Gilliam reported on the proposal from Griggs and Maloney of \$28,100.00 to do dye testing for Trussell Creek. Dr. Urban has told us in a recent letter that our application for a permit would not be processed until this is done. Mr. Gilliam said he talked to Mr. Simmons at TDEC in Nashville and he told Mr. Gilliam that he did not think this would hold up our permit.

Ald. Orr asked questions about our permit for the past 18 or 20 years and Mr. Gilliam reported that we have never met our permit limits during that time. Ald. Orr noted that we did what TDEC asked and did the testing on Juanita Creek. Now they are requiring the dye testing on Trussell Creek. He wondered what would be next.

Mayor Rollins said he would recommend to the council that we approve the \$28,100.00 for the dye testing for Trussell Creek. Ald. Lay replied that this letter was signed by Dr. Urban and asked if we had anything from anyone else from the State on this. He noted that Dr. Urban has given us some incorrect information in the past. Mr. Gilliam said he would be happy to contact the city attorney and ask him to follow up on this.

Ald. Nixon said, since there was \$1700.00 left over from the Juanita Creek dye testing, would that amount be deducted from the \$28,100.00. It will not be

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deducted as it will not be paid in on the other billing. Ald. Nixon asked if we had anything in writing from Mr. Simpson saying that our permit will not be held up and Mr. Gilliam replied that we do not.

Mr. Gilliam asked if we should do DNA testing to see if the ecoli in the water is animal or human. He said he had discussed this with Dr. Urban and he said we would still be required to do the dye testing.

Mayor Rollins asked if our engineers should be involved in this and Ald. Lay made a motion to table this until the meeting next Tuesday and, in the meantime, have our engineers meet with TDEC in Nashville and report back to us at the meeting on Tuesday, June 9th. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it passed 5/0. Ald. Lay inquired about getting other prices on this work and suggested asking Haley Engineering to review the quote from Griggs & Maloney and give us their recommendation. Ald. Orr stated that he didn't want us to be in a position of getting other quotes and having a problem with the State.

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder