

UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

August 18, 2014

NAME	AREA REPRESENTED	PRESENT	ABSENT
Greg York	New Castle Mayor	X	
Dave Barker	Director of Public Works	X	
Dave Copenhaver	City Attorney	X	
Kenny Melton	Building Commissioner	X	
Melvin Watson	Superintendent Waterworks	X	
Ed Hill	GIS/MS4 Coordinator	X	
Janice Burns	Manager Utilities Office	X	
Fred Duvall	Superintendent Non-Certified Wastewater	X	

This meeting was called to order by Dave Barker at 9:32 a.m.

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Dave B. asked if there were any corrections or additions to the previous minutes. Ed made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Janice seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ratliff, representing Habitat for Humanity appeared before the board to protest the water bill for property they had previously owned at 429 N. 17th Street. Mr. Ratliff has appeared in the past seeking relief from the bill, and was granted an adjustment for wastewater and trash services resulting in a significant reduction in charges. The remaining bill for water usage totals \$1912.37. Mr. Ratliff contends the city bears responsibility for the charges, claiming they were not told of the leak in a timely manner. Janice explained that under normal circumstances meters not in service are inspected by readers on their routes to check for leaks, or illegal service. But, due to the severity of the past winter no meters were read for the months of January, February, and March throughout the city. Dave C. told Mr. Ratliff he had responsibility to inspect his property after it was donated to assure himself there were no leaks, or other issues with the property. Melvin spoke to the present owners and reported they had confirmed to him the presence of the leak, and the repair they had to make in order to have service turned on for the property. After further brief discussion, Dave C. made a motion to take the issue under advisement. Ed seconded, motion carried. Mr. Ratliff requested a copy of the City Ordinance regulating the city's billing policy, and meter readings for the months the leak occurred. Mr. Ratliff was advised that the City Ordinances were on the City's web page. Meter readings are not available because the meter was out of service, it was only read after it was discovered service had been turned on illegally.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Utility Office Adjustment. Janice made a motion seeking approval to make an adjustment for the period August 4 to August 15 in the amount of (\$22,623.57). Janice explained the large amount was due to Atlas accounts changing from the New Castle office to the Muncie office. Melvin seconded. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS: None

Dave C. made a motion to adjourn, Melvin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Minutes submitted by: Ed Hill

Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.