

## UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

# December 1, 2014

NAME	AREA REPRESENTED	PRESENT	ABSENT
Greg York	New Castle Mayor	X	
Dave Barker	Director of Public Works	X	
Greg Crider	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. Janice made the motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Ed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Artie Ratliff representing Habitat for Humanity appeared before the board on a matter he had presented at the August 18, 2014 meeting. The property, previously owned by Habitat for Humanity, at 429 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Street had water service illegally activated. When the illegal activity was discovered, the water service was discontinued and a bill was generated for Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Ratliff contested the bill in August and was told by the board the city would waive sewer and trash fees, but the organization was still responsible for the water usage in the amount of \$1912.37. Mr. Ratliff requested the ordinance or regulation stipulating the policy. The bill has remained unpaid and a notice was sent demanding payment or the matter would be sent to a collection agency. Mr. Ratliff requested an extension to review the ordinance and will reappear at the next meeting (Dec. 15). Mr. Ratliff disputes the bill and re-argued, to the board, his reasoning. The board's position was unchanged by the argument, but Mr. Ratliff, on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, was granted time to respond to the bill.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Dave presented to the board a recommendation for the correction of a service problem at 900 New York Ave. Dave explained that during recent construction of the large storm sewer across the property in question the lateral for the business was in conflict with the new sewer and required removal. The City was responsible to reestablish service and hired Pritchett's Backhoe Service to do the work. It was determined a lift station would be constructed to alleviate the conflict with the

new storm sewer and collect flow from the existing services. The owner, Chris Wisehart, was not accepting of the proposal presented and offered an alternative requiring two lift stations among other changes. Dave told him the city would only pay for the repair presented by the city, and if he wished to construct it as he wanted the city would pay him only the amount of the city recommendation. Mr. Wisehart agreed to this. Dave made a motion for approval to pay Mr. Wisehart \$11,000 to correct the problem. Janice seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**UTILITY OFFICE ADJUSTMENT.** Janice asked for a motion to make an adjustment for the period November 18 to November 26 in the amount of \$226.74. Ed made the motion, Fred seconded. Motion passed unanimously

**BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS:** None

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Minutes submitted by: Ed Hill

Next meeting will be Monday, December 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.