

## UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

# September 21, 2015

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	
Greg Phipps	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 B. at 9:30 a.m.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Dave B. asked if there were any corrections minutes of the previous meeting. Janice made a motion to approve them as presented. Greg P. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Dave B. asked if there was an update on Michelle Bair's property (516 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St.). The installation work is completed. The utility office is still waiting on the requested information to make a determination on her request for a bill adjustment.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Kenny presented an application from Jeff Burchett for water service. This is a commercial application, for a salon at 1615 Broad Street. The previous service was from adjacent buildings, and this will isolate the service to the particular building. Mr. Burchett has been informed of the City specifications and the requirement that all installation costs are his responsibility. Janice made the motion to approve the application, with Kenny seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

**UTILITY OFFICE ADJUSTMENT.** Janice made a motion to approve an adjustment from September 9 to September 21, 2015 in the amount of \$(2796.33). Greg P. seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS:** Janice asked the board to consider adding storm water fees to the property taxes billed by the county. Ed said the County had been approached in the beginning, but had no interest in providing that service at that time. Christy spoke of how the County refused to collect on Three River Solid Waste Management fees, forcing them to develop their own billing system. It was also discussed that funding would only come to the city twice a year from tax receipts, and the loss of

revenue from forgiveness of back taxes and liens could be significant. The discussion turned to the concept of only billing property owners for all utilities. It was felt that method would reduce non-payment issues from tenants, and make property owners more accountable to utility issues. The board was favorable to the change in billing method, and will continue the discussion after legal has a chance to review it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 am

Minutes submitted by: Ed Hill

Next meeting will be Monday, October 5, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.