

## UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

# April 1, 2013

| NAME            | AREA REPRESENTED                           | PRESENT | ABSENT |
|-----------------|--|---------|--------|
| Greg York       | New Castle Mayor                           | X       |        |
| Don Tichenor    | Special Projects Manager                   | X       |        |
| Dave Barker     | Director of Public Works                   | X       |        |
| Dave Copenhaver | City Attorney                              | X       |        |
| Aaron Davis     | 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<br>Wastewater | X       |        |

**Date: Monday, April 1, 2013**

**Facilitator: Don Tichenor**

This meeting was called to order by Don at 9:30 am

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Don asked if there were any corrections to the previous minutes, hearing none Don asked that the minutes be accepted as presented. There was no objection.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**UPDATE ON ESTES AND SOUTH 14<sup>th</sup> STREET RUNOFF:** Mayor York has a meeting scheduled with the Church officials this week.

**UPDATE ON CITY TIRE:** Fred attempted to dye the line from inside City Tire to the sewer main. The toilet facilities are inoperable and appear to have been for quite some time. It was determined that a sewer connection has not existed and it was recommended that the past bill be dropped. The existing line running east-west from S. 27<sup>th</sup> St. to N.C. Auto Parts is to remain a private service lateral serving three businesses.

**UPDATE ON DO DA'S:** Past bill of \$3282 has still not been paid, dumping service has been suspended. Rains Plumbing has apparently resumed dumping at another location. Their bill of \$6139 remains unpaid. Dave C. will send letters to both businesses in an attempt to recover the money owed.

**UPDATE ON 1967 S. SPICELAND RD.** Utilities are available and connections approved. The annexation waiver is to be signed prior to issuing the permit.

**UPDATE ON 830 SOUTHVIEW DR.:** Sewer is available north of an adjacent property also owned by the petitioner. Connection is approved. The annexation waiver is to be signed prior to issuing the permit.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INCREASING DEPOSIT AMOUNTS FOR SEWER/WATER SERVICE:** Janice told the board that an increase in defaults of renter accounts is leaving an unfair burden on property owners and the present deposit fees are not sufficient to satisfy the account. She asked if the board would approve increasing deposit fees to \$100 from the present \$50 for residential accounts, and increase deposit fee to \$200 from the present \$100 for commercial accounts. Dave C. advised that raising any fee in the water rate structure would most likely require IURC approval, but raising fees in the sewer rate structure would only require an ordinance and council approval. Janice felt that was a workable solution. Janice also requested a change in the fees for illegal connections. Presently if a customer illegally starts service they are charged \$25 for a connection fee if they are caught. Janice asked if the fee, for this scenario, could be increased to \$75. Dave C. advised that it may require IURC approval but could probably be addressed as an ordinance. Janice will gather data and give it to Dave.

**ADJUSTMENTS:** Janice requested approval to make an adjustment from 3-20-13 to 3-27-13 in the amount of (\$1370.77). Motion made by Janice, second by Melvin. Motion carried.

**H AVENUE & ROOSEVELT AVE.** Fred reported to the board about an incident of a sewer collapse near the intersection of H Ave. and Roosevelt. The sewer backed up into a residence and caused significant damage. Fred was told that the City's Insurance called it an "act of God" and refused to pay the claim. Fred has a meeting with the homeowner today and asked for the board's thoughts on what he should say to him. Dave C. advised that the city should stand by the decision of the City's Insurance carrier. Undermining the decision of the Insurance carrier would make future claims very difficult to settle. Dave C. further advised that the homeowner could make a claim against his homeowner's policy and he had a right to sue if he disagreed with the decision. Fred and Mayor York agreed to talk to the homeowner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Minutes submitted by: Ed Hill

Next meeting will be **Monday, April 15, 2013** at 9:30 am