

UTILITY IMPACT BOARD MINUTES

August 21, 2017

NAME	AREA REPRESENTED	PRESENT	ABSENT
Greg York	New Castle Mayor	X	
Dave Barker	Director of Public Works & Safety	X	
Dave Copenhaver	City Attorney	X	
Kenny Melton	Building Commissioner	X	
Greg Phipps	Superintendent Waterworks	X	
Ed Hill	GIS Coordinator	X	
Mark Stacy	Utility Office Manager	X	
Fred Duvall	Superintendent Non-Cert. Wastewater	X	

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Barker at 9:33 a.m.

Mr. Barker asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the previous meeting.

Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve them as presented, with Mr. Stacy seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Tony Gilman of 213 W. C.R. 100S became aware he was connected to the sewer system instead of a septic system. He had never paid a connection fee, and agreed to make the payment. Mr. Stacy asked the Board to waive the back payments (12 months) and accept the connection fee. Mr. Copenhaver made a motion to accept the connection fee and waive the past charges. Mr. Duvall seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Stacy told the Board of an account, years old, that has been turned over to Atlas Collections. The couple were moved into a nursing home, with an adult child in charge of the couple's financial obligations. He made poor decisions with their finances, and they now have no means to pay this debt of \$250, or any portion of debt totaling \$30,000. Mr. Stacy said the City is paying money to bill for this debt, never to be collected, and asked the Board to write it off. There was concern that this not become policy, and Ms. York suggested that a claim could be made against the couple's estate in the future.

After a brief discussion Mr. Copenhaver made the motion to approve the write-off of debt, with Mr. Melton seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD MEMBERS BUSINESS: Mr. Stacy reported to the Board that the resident, who previously petitioned the Board to connect to sewer at 2821 N. Memorial Drive, is unable to make the connection and will have to install a septic system. They are requesting the \$825 connection fee, previously paid, be reimbursed. There was some discussion as to whether they had connected to water service. Mr. Copenhaver made a motion to approve the refund. Mr. Melton seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Stacy asked for a motion to approve an adjustment from August 10 to August 14, 2017 in the amount of \$4178.21 to correct a billing error. Mr. Copenhaver made the motion, and Mr. Melton seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Phipps reported the water department has finished the annual hydrant flushing, and reported no leaks from the mains.

Mr. Duvall reported a storm line was replaced at 2815 S. Main Street. The old line had collapsed and clogged. A structure at Ash Street, and N. Main Street had collapsed, and was being repaired today. While removing a part from the old Vactor Truck, the windshield was shattered and the cab damaged. Mr. Duvall had previously asked to market the truck, but now requested it be used for parts. It was agreed to be used for that purpose.

Mr. Copenhaver update the Board on a complaint from the resident at 2370 Spiceland Road. There is an issue of flooding during heavy rains. The property had been investigated in 2014, and the conclusion at that time was the City had provided a working drainage system in the right of way, and the problem originates east of their property. That explanation remains valid. Mr. Copenhaver told their lawyer the City has met its obligation in this matter, and any further action would have to be handled between the neighbors.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ed Hill

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.