

WATER BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Storie, Board President.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT - Board President Chuck Storie, Board Members; Tony Higginbotham, John Wall and Frank Massey; Rick Denney, Plant Superintendent, Bryce Wagner from Coriden Law Office, Gary Murray, City Engineer and Donna Lecher, Utilities Office Manager.

ABSENT – Robin Meyer

The Minutes of the August 16, 2011 Water Board Meeting were admitted as distributed.

- 1. RADIO READ METERS** – Rick reported that the meter committee had met and had been asked to join a “Critical Thinking” class that Rodney King is teaching. Their topic is our water meters. Mr. King is a Board of Works member as well as a member of the meter committee. Rick, Donna, Gary Murray, Jeff Smith and Robin Meyer had attended their class a couple weeks ago. Gary added they have about 5 more classes. Rick asked if we could table this until we hear from the class. City attorney rep Bryce Wagner commented it would be fine to do that. Chuck apologized to Pete, from Mueller, as he has been back to each meeting since the bids were let. **John made motion with Tony seconding to table the meter issue until we hear from the class. All ayes and the motion carried.**
- 2. METER TESTING ORDINANCE** – In last months meeting it was recommended by Rick to look into taking over the large meters, 1” and over. Rick stated after speaking with Bryce Wagner he recommended not doing so due to liability as most meters are located inside the factories. Rick said our current Ordinance doesn’t have a penalty clause in it which makes it harder to enforce. Donna mentioned she had a 5/8” meter tested this week that was 15 years old and was just getting ready to turn over to 1,000,000 cu ft. The meter tested 96% on fast, 98% on med, 70% on slow, with an average of 88% accuracy. For this customer, since January 2008, we lost 1,795.98 if it was slow that whole time (based on 12% loss). This goes to show meters do slow down. John asked if this Ordinance will cover the 684 private meters as well and feels once we make a decision about the meters we should make a public statement of explanation as to why we are spending so much money on it. After board discussion, it was decided we would look at the current ordinance and decide whether to amend portions of it or re-write the whole thing. The Board, Rick and Donna were to review and bring back suggestions next month.
- 3. WATER ADJUSTMENT REQUEST** – A letter of request for an adjustment was presented to the Board for Larry Hadler, 427 N. Anderson. The service had been vacant and a large amount of water appeared on the meter reading May 11, 2011. The owner had inspected the waterlines and found no leak. He monitored the meter and it seemed to be in working order after replacement (note...the utility did not replace the meter, but fixed a valve the same day). He went on to say he did remove the outside spigot handle and installed an under-house shut off valve, and that he cannot say why

the meter read so high as when I (he) turned the water on no faucets or toilet valves were on or malfunctioning.

After Board discussion, they felt they are not liable and wondered why he removed the outside spigot handle. They felt possibly someone had used the outside spigot without the owner's knowledge or possibly a commode was stuck. **Tony made motion to deny the adjustment request. John seconded the motion, all ayes and the motion carried.**

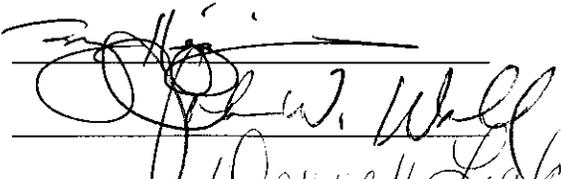
4. 1985 INTERNATIONAL DUMP TRUCK – This vehicle was the old Lime Truck. Rick requested the truck be scrapped. He had given the Street Department the bed previously and the rest of the truck was shot. **Chuck made motion, with Frank seconding the motion, to scrap the truck. All ayes and motion carried.** The Board asked how the new dump truck was working. Rick stated good.

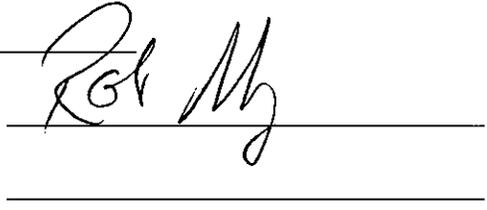
Rick addressed the Board with the possibility of selling an old generator, complete with switch as well as the glass building it is housed in, to the Sewer Department for \$10,000.00. The generator is just sitting unused at the Upland Reservoir. Jeff Smith told Rick he could use it for the new Sewer Administration Building that is being built. Bryce stated it would be ok to transfer between departments instead of selling by sealed bids. **Motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Tony to sell the complete Generator as well as the glass building to the Sewer Department for \$10,000.00. All ayes and motion carried.** Rick stated he would not be the one moving it.

MAYOR GARY HERBERT – ISSUES THAT HE WISHES TO PRESENT TO THE BOARD – The Mayor did not have any issues to bring up.

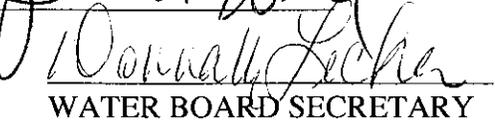
With nothing more to come before the board, Chuck adjourned the meeting at 6:31 pm.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____





ATTEST:


WATER BOARD SECRETARY