

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROCKWOOD WATER, WASTEWATER & NATURAL GAS BOARD**

July 26, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Chairman Darryl Meadows presiding. Roll call found Commissioner Loren Bone, Commissioner Tim Couch, Commissioner Dudley Evans, and Commissioner Joe Moore present.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of the June 2016 Minutes: Commissioner Bone made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of May 2016 Minutes: Joan Kerley reported that Water revenue for the month was \$206,200; Water expenses were \$156,500; Water revenues exceed expenses of \$302,200; Sewer revenue was \$106,700; Sewer expenses were \$101,800; and YTD expenses exceed revenues of \$172,600. Gas revenues were \$139,600; Gas expenses excluding gas costs were \$74,556; and YTD revenue exceeds expenses of \$575,600.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey asked the Board for special consideration of an adjustment for a deaf customer at 409 John St. She could not hear the leak thus did not know the water was running. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the adjustment and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Evans asked when the hole at the corner of Nelson and Kinston Ave would be repaired. Ms. Ramsey replied that we had informed the street department since it is a storm drain issue not related to any of our lines. Commissioner Bone asked if there had been comments on the new bills and Ms. Ramsey said there had been some suggestions for improvement such as font size – which has already been increased – and the need of a perforation to tear off payment stub.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Report on I/I:** A written report was provided to all Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration and approval of bids for replacement sludge pipe for clarifier – WTP:** Southern Constructors was low bidder at \$90,000 base bid and \$94,000 total including alternate additive. There was a pipe blockage/failure at the WTP in a pipe that was installed as part of the original plant. The pipe was found to be more than 22' deep and was beyond the abilities of our crews to excavate and repair. Commissioner Bone made a motion to accept the low bid and recommendation of the GM and Commissioner Couch seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consideration and approval of Resolution 17-01 Water Rate Increase:** Ms. Ramsey noted that this will be presented to Council for approval of an ordinance before the increase will be effective. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Consideration and approval of Resolution 17-02 – Electronic Communication Systems and Equipment Policy:** Commissioner Bone made a motion to approve and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Ratification of emergency purchase for pumping of debris from Raw Water Intake basin – Tech Coat, Inc.:** Tech Coat had been contracted to inspect and clean out the Raw Water intake for the original price of \$6,000 but the debris in the building was much deeper than anticipated. It wasn't logical to shut the project down only to restart at a later date; thus the emergency purchase was required to complete the project. Commissioner Evans made a motion to approve the emergency purchase and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Communications from Board members: Commissioner Bone asked that crews are reminded to take breaks during this extreme heat. All Commissioners expressed thanks to Ms. Ramsey and all employees.

Commissioner Bone made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Evans seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Darryl Meadows, Chairman

Joan Kerley, Secretary