

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

October 28, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at Administrative Building at 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Larry Davis presiding. Commissioners Harold Holloway, Mark Clem, James Nuckols and Ronnie Thompson were present.

Public Comment: None

Approval of October Regular Minutes: Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Holloway seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of October Financials: Tausha Bruneel reported that water and sewer revenues for September were \$456,583; expenses were \$359,066. Month to date, water and sewer revenues exceeded expenses by \$17,119. Gas operating revenues totaled \$192,197; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$94,317. Month to date, gas expenses exceeded revenues by \$39,797. Commissioner Clem made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously

General Manager's Report: The bank change has taken a lot more time and effort than anticipated. The fees are rather large but they have committed to refund those for the first few months until we are fully transitioned. We have 2 water pumps down and 2 gas valve leaks that we are getting a contracted welder in to repair. The project with TVA is moving along. TVA looks to need roughly 400K gallons a day up to 1.9M gallons a day. Roane Central will be their provider (which we supply water to) and Kingston Water (who also connects to Roane Central) to meet their daily needs. We may be looking at a phase 2 for the WTP sooner to add more filters but that will be in 2027. TVA is looking to start filling their tanks in January 2026. This demand is not a problem. Our new Warm Thoughts Committee met and plan to meet one more time before the next meeting to bring a proposal for the Board to vote on.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Operation Report:** Presented October reports with no questions.
- b. **Consideration and Approval of fence bids for Chamberlain Avenue storage lot:** Commissioner Holloway made a motion to accept D&M Fencing bid and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Consideration and Approval of sewer adjustment for Ordinance change:** We only have one customer that was affected from the most recent adding of sewer charges if they were not connected. Commissioner Holloway made a motion to refund the sewer charges of \$115.01 and to include late fees incurred while waiting for City Council to approve Ordinance. Commissioner Nuckols seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration of customer request – 307 West Shore Drive:** Customer claims they were not at this residence when the water went thru the meter and felt like they should not be held responsible for the usage. Commissioner Holloway made a motion not to do any adjustments and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Consideration and Approval of purchase of Mack MD7 dump truck:** We got the estimate back on the repair of the 1996 dump truck currently at Stowers for \$17,283.65. Kim obtained an estimate on the value of the 1996 dump truck as if it were in running condition and it came back at a range of \$9K to \$11K. The state bid for this new 2026 dump truck is \$129,655 and it is available. Kim Leffew recommended that the new truck be purchased instead of spending more funds on the 1996 truck with a value less than the repair. Commissioner Clem made a motion to buy the 2026 Mack MD7 dump truck and Commissioner Nuckols seconded. Commissioners Clem and Nuckols voted yes, Commissioner Thompson passed and Commissioners Holloway and Davis voted no. Motion failed. Commissioner Nuckols made a motion to not repair the old 1996 truck at Stowers and Commissioner Clem seconded. Commissioners Clem and Nuckols voted yes, Commissioner Thompson passed and Commissioners Holloway and Davis voted no. Motion failed. Commissioner Holloway made a motion to repair the 1996 dump truck at Stowers for \$17,283.65 and Commissioner Thompson seconded. Commissioners Clem and Nuckols voted no and Commissioners Thompson, Holloway and Davis voted yes. Motion passed. The initial bill for Peggy Ann Truck Repair that was pre-approved by Commissioner Holloway was presented for \$1,144.83. Commissioner Thompson made a motion to pay and Commissioner Holloway seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Consideration and Approval of purchase of 2 utility service trucks 2025 Silverado 3500 4WD:** Commissioner Clem made a motion to buy 1 service truck. Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Consideration and discussion of vehicle priority list:** Motion was made by Commissioner Nuckols to re-draft after the approval of the purchase of the 1 service truck and the denial of purchasing the 2026 dump truck and bring back next month. Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Consideration and discussion of equipment priority list:** Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve as presented and Commissioner Nuckols seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Public Awareness requests:** First request is from Peabody Ledford for Civitan Chili Supper support of \$100.00. The second one is from the City of Rockwood with Becky Ruppe asking for \$500 for “Shop with a Cop”. The third request is from Rockwood High School to renew our 811 sign in the gym for \$50.00. Commissioner Nuckols made a motion to approve all three and Commissioner Clem seconded. Commissioner Holloway passed. The motion carried.

After a brief communication from Board the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM by motion of Commissioner Holloway and seconded by Commissioner Clem. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Clem

~~Larry Davis, Chairman~~ Vice Chairman Mark Clem

Tausha Bruneel

Tausha Bruneel, Secretary