

# **WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, October 22, 2015, 8:30 AM**

**Water & Sewer Department Office**

## **1. Call to Order & Freedom of Information Requirements**

The Freedom of Information Requirements having been met, the meeting was called to order at 8:40 AM. Those present were Committee Members, Bachman Smith, Mark Howard, Susan Middaugh (Chair); Staff Members Greg Gress and Jason Blanton; Andy Benke was absent. Island resident, Sondra Branch attended.

## **2. Appeal of W&S Bill**

Leonard Branch, 2430 Jasper Blvd. submitted an appeal for relief from an exceptionally high WS bill. Sondra Branch attended and explained that this resulted from a toilet “hang up” (failure of mechanism to cut off flow after flush). This led to an undetected continuous water flow while the Branch’s were on vacation.

**MOTION:** to adjust the sewer portion of the contested W&S bill, as allowed in the ordinance, down to the average of the previous 6 months. Motion was made by Bachman Smith, seconded by Mark Howard, passed unanimously.

## **3. Effectiveness Evaluation of I&I Phase I and Phase II Planning.**

The committee discussed an initial draft of the scope of work for Phase II. This consisted of follow-up CIP work identified in Subsections 5 and 6 during Phase I as well as work to be carried out in Phase II. The Committee discussed adding replacement of sewer pipes along Poe Ave. from Citadel to Sta. 17 and from Hennessee to Florence St. The Committee reviewed the list of items and discussed funding sources and timelines.

The Phase I Effectiveness and Evaluation Report was also discussed. Preliminary figures obtained from 6-30-2015 (project completion) to the end of September showed I&I reduction of 36% (Subsection 5 compared with a control Subsection 4) and 48% (Subsection 5 post-remediation compared with Subsection 5 pre-remediation.) Phase I was designed to reduce I&I by 25% up to 40%. This was achieved.

The W&S Chair, Susan Middaugh, will report to Council on November 2, 2015, on the successful outcome of Phase I and the Plan for implementing Phase II.

## **4. Private Lateral Policy.** This was not discussed.

## **5. Communications / other items from WWTF Manager, Greg Gress**

Noise reduction at WWTP : A sound wall (a plywood box wall filled with sound insulation) is being built for each of two outdoor motors that operate with a high pitched whine, most noticeable at night. This wall should substantially decrease the noise that has been a problem for homes located across the park (on Station 22) for the past 1 ½ years since the W&S fence was relocated and the trees along this fence were removed.

**6. Next W&S Committee meeting will be on December 1, 8:30 AM**

**7. Adjourn:** The Committee adjourned at 10:30 AM on a motion by Bachman Smith, seconded by Mark Howard, passed unanimously.

**Pending Items (To be considered in future meetings)**

- a. Cost Recovery Project for preventive maintenance and asset management
- b. Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant for submersible pumps
- c. Update of W&S Policy on Sewer Laterals
- d. ASR: Aquifer Storage and Recovery
- e. Water Pumping Station Fencing & Site Improvements