

June 23, 2020
Hartsville-Trousdale County
Water & Sewer Utility District
Meeting of Board of Commissioners

Board members present were Mark Beeler, Stephen Chambers, Mark White, and Dwight Jewell. Others present were Evan White Mid Tenn. Engineering, Tommy McFarland, and Mary Dale Welch.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Beeler.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved on a motion made by Dwight Jewell and seconded by Mark White.

The financial reports for May were reviewed and approved on a motion made by Stephen Chambers and seconded by Mark White.

The Water Loss report was reviewed. Tommy reported that one of the master meters at the water plant is not calibrated correctly. He is looking into repairing or replacing it.

With the work almost completed at the water plant and the 141-project coming to an end, Tommy stated that the department would start flushing and testing fire hydrants in the next couple of weeks.

Chairman Beeler brought up the apartments on Hilltop. There are 42 units there and they are on a 2-inch water line, which is not a big enough line for fire protection. There is a hydrant on Carr and Hilltop that needs repairing. Dwight Jewell requested that repairing this be a priority.

Evan White, Mid- Tenn. Engineering reported that all the information is into SCADA to redo the study on the placement of the antennas. The towers on Pumpkin Branch and Morrison Street are going to be utilized for placing 2 of the antennas. The package will be ready to bid out the first of August.

On the Tank Project the geological study has been done and from the preliminary report it appears that the top 4-5 foot will have to be removed. Once he has the final report he will send to Tommy. Evan stated he had not yet begun the warehouse building project.

A discussion was held concerning the suspension of the cut-off process due to COVID 19. No accounts have been cut off for non-payment since February. Stephan Chambers made the following motion: If a customer has lost wages due to COVID 19 and produces proof such as an unemployment check, pink slip, etc., then, the department will waive all past due fees but one, and will work with the customer on a repayment plan, giving Tommy discretion to determine the length of repayment up to one year. Mark White seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Dwight Jewell made a motion to re-instate the normal cut off process starting in July. Mark White seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

An issue from last month concerning sewer connections was reviewed. Tommy provided state code 7-35-201 which states in part : *To require the owner, tenant or occupant of each lot or parcel of land that abuts upon a street or other public way containing a sanitary sewer and upon which lot or parcel a building exists for residential, commercial or industrial use, to connect the building with the sanitary sewer and to cease to use any other means for the disposal of sewage, sewage waste or other polluting matter; in addition to any other method of enforcing such requirement, a city, town or utility district also providing water services to such property may, within or without its borders, refuse water service to such owner, tenant or occupant until there has been compliance and may discontinue water service to an owner, tenant or occupant failing to comply within thirty (30) days after notice to comply;*

After some discussion it was decided that the Board cannot go against state law. Chairman Beeler ask Tommy to contact Mr. Swaffer and inform him of the Board's decision.

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Tommy ask for clarification on the policy for sprinklers for residential use. The Board elected to allow residential sprinklers to use water off of their domestic water line.

Tommy presented the Board with the following items to be surplus.

HARTSVILLE TROUSDALE WATER & SEWER UTILITY
ITEMS FOR SURPLUS SALE

2012 3500 Chevrolet 4 X 4 1GC0KVCGX0Z224913

2012 3500 Chevrolet 4 X 4 1GC0KVCG1DZ219759

2005 Ford Explorer 4 X 4 1FMZU72K85ZA75451

2005 Dodge Dakota 4 X 4 1D7HN22K765563139

2004 1500 Chevrolet 4 X 4 1GTEK14V35Z157066

2002 1500 Chevrolet 4 X 4 1GTHK24U53Z157271

- Old Water Meters,
- ? Valves, Hydrants,
Pipes, etc.
- ? Zero Turn Mower

Mark White made a motion to surplus the items, Dwight Jewel seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ken Buckmaster arrived at the meeting late and ask to address the Board during the public comments. He asks about fire hydrants. He went back over the issue of the apartments on Hilltop. Mr. Buckmaster ask the board to hire an outside company to map the water system and to repair the fire hydrants.

Chairman Beeler ask Tommy to identify some companies that do this type of work and get proposals for the repairs. He asks that the Board meet back on Tuesday July 14 to discuss the proposals and bids on fire hydrants maintenance and repairs.

Dwight Jewell made a motion to adjourn.