

**UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 2007**

Mayor Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Council Members Harrison C. Bristoll, Jr., James R. Johnson, Gibson Anthony and Mabel Mumford-Pautz, Robert Sipes, Utilities Manager, W.S. Ingersoll, Town Manager and Zoning Administrator, Jennifer Stead, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of September 17, 2007. **Mr. Bristoll moved to approve the minutes as submitted, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mayor Bailey stated that cash on hand and in the banks was \$749,995.62.

Mr. Sipes stated that the backhoe, which was thirteen years old, had a major service. The cost of the service was part of the approved budget.

Mr. Sipes stated that the flow-paced chlorinator at the water treatment plant was replaced.

Mr. Sipes stated that the Utilities Department bought two (2) new vans since the last meeting. He said that they had ordered the vans in June, under a State Contract for 2007 vans, but luckily they received 2008 vans for the same price. Mr. Sipes stated that the radios were installed, and they were having the lights mounted and work on the trailers done.

Mr. Sipes stated that the manhole cover on Rt. 213 was scheduled to be replaced on Tuesday evening, October 16th.

Mr. Sipes stated that the project at the lagoon was due to start up on August 9th, but did not occur because there were leaks detected in the liners. Mr. Sipes stated that the Town received a letter for an extension to August 31st from Allen Meyers, which was granted. Mr. Sipes stated that beginning September 1, 2007 the Town began to liquidate damages because there was no information given to them regarding any progress. Mr. Sipes stated that the liquidated damages would help to offset the continued engineering fees until which time the project was complete.

Mr. Sipes stated that they have tried three (3) repairs that were not successful and said that he wanted a new liner installed. The engineers were trying to retrofit a liner to cover the existing concrete pad. He said that the contract gave a 10-year warranty on the liner, but not on workmanship and if they attached a liner to the concrete it would be considered workmanship and would only have a 1-year warranty.

Mayor Bailey asked how the water pressure in town was holding up due to the lack of rain. Mr. Sipes stated that the water pressure had not changed, but he did purchase a well level sensor, which would monitor the operating levels in the wells. He said that now they would now be able to gauge water loss.

Mayor Bailey stated that everyone should try to conserve water due to the drought situation.

Mr. Anthony asked if the courthouse was having a problem with their sprinkling units. Mr. Sipes stated that problem had been addressed and corrected last week.

There was a question regarding the smell of chlorine in the water from the audience which Mr. Sipes answered.

There being no further business, **Mr. Bristoll moved for payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.**

Mr. Bristoll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.

Submitted by: 
Jennifer Stead
Stenographer

Approved by:
Margo G. Bailey
Mayor