

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
July 08, 2013
CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

George Lewis
Shawn Libby
Sharon Parshley
Daniel Peterson

STAFF PRESENT

Blaine Cox, Deputy City Manager

GUESTS PRESENT

Theresa Brown-Hall

MINUTES

I. Call to Order.

George Lewis called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. Arthur Hoffman was absent; all other Board members were present.

II. Acceptance of June 10, 2013 Minutes

Daniel Peterson noted that in Section II, "George Hoffman" should be amended to "Arthur Hoffman".

George Lewis **MOVED** to accept the minutes of the June 10, 2013 meeting as amended. The motion was seconded and the **MOTION PASSED** on a unanimous voice vote.

III. Appeals

A. Old Business

1. Theresa Brown-Hall Appeal

Deputy City Manager Cox reviewed the findings that:

- a. The water meter tested as being accurate and
- b. The usage at the customer's residence has returned to normal.

George Lewis **MOVED** to reconsider the abatement request. The motion was seconded and the **MOTION PASSED** on a unanimous voice vote.

Daniel Peterson **MOVED** to **DENY** the abatement request. The motion was seconded and the **MOTION PASSED** on a unanimous voice vote.

B. New Business

1. Dexter Appeal

The customer seeks an abatement of the sewer fees resulting from a burst pipe at the residence during the winter.

The recommendation of Deputy City Manager Cox is to abate 24.25 units of sewer valued at \$151.32 provided the customer supplies:

- a. A copy of the invoice from Tom Soley Plumbing for the repairs cited in the abatement application.
- b. A written description from the customer detailing the location and specific nature of the leak.

The above recommendation is based upon the following findings:

- a. The customer has supplied two photographs depicting repaired sections of copper piping and a short explanation that a “pipe burst in winter...” The customer does not provide any details on the nature of the leak, location or written captions for the photographs.
- b. The customer indicates that a plumber was hired to make repairs but does not supply proof of this.
- c. The current period’s usage of 40 units is 24.25 units above the previous four quarters average of 15.75 units. A sewer rate of \$6.24/unit x 15.75 units=\$151.32.

Sharon Parshley **MOVED** to abate 24.25 units of sewer valued at \$151.32 provided the customer supplies:

- a. A copy of the invoice from Tom Soley Plumbing and
- b. A written description detailing the location and specific nature of the leak.

The motion was seconded and the **MOTION PASSED** on a unanimous voice vote.

2. Markie Appeal

The customer seeks an abatement of \$813.40 in sewer fees as a result of a leak that was located under the house.

The recommendation of Deputy City Manager Cox is to abate 195.5 units of sewer valued at \$811.33.

The above recommendation is based upon the following findings:

- a. The customer has supplied documentation that a water leak occurred and that it has been repaired. In addition, the leak occurred in an area such that the leaked water did not enter the sewer system.

- b. The current usage of 209 units is 195.5 units above the previous four-quarter average of 13.5 units: 195.5 units at \$4.15/unit (elderly rate) equals \$811.33.

Sharon Parshley **MOVED** to abate 195.5 units of sewer valued at \$811.33. The motion was seconded and the **MOTION PASSED** on a unanimous voice vote.

IV. Rates Proposal for City Council

Mr. Cox was requested to update last year's Power Point presentation with this year's rate data for the UAB's August meeting.

V. Financial Statements

There was no discussion on the Financial Statements.

VI. Other

Daniel Peterson pointed out that Arthur Hoffman had asked a question of DPW Director Nourse at the last meeting that was not answered regarding Other Professional Services. Mr. Cox advised that he will follow up with Director Nourse.

Sharon Parshley provided Mr. Cox with a package of website information that can be referenced on the quarterly billing statements. Mr. Cox stated that he will work with the Utility Billing Office on this.

VII. Adjournment

George Lewis **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the **MOTION PASSED** on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 P.M.

Respectfully,

Blaine M. Cox
Deputy City Manager

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