

Meeting Minutes  
Cornelia Water & Sewerage Authority  
January 24, 2017

The Cornelia Water & Sewerage Authority held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 24, 2017 at 10:00 am in the Cornelia City Hall located at 181 Larkin Street. The following Authority members were in attendance, Mayor Irby, Janice Griggs, Ernest Burns, and Donald Anderson. Don Bagwell was unable to attend the meeting. Also in attendance were: City Engineers, Marty Boyd and Chase West as well as the City's Utility Director, Keith Ethridge.

The first item on the Agenda was approval of the minutes from October 26, 2016. Dee Anderson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Janice Griggs seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The next item on the agenda was the City Engineer updated the Authority on the various water and sewer issues. The first item discussed was the new Water Plant. It is scheduled to bid the second week of February, but he stated that he had a couple of things to discuss with Keith today.

Marty said that the bid openings should take place the first of March and that he didn't think there would be a lot of competition from other projects. He also said that the three (3) low bidding contractors are still interested. As for the Raw Water Reservoir the plans have been resubmitted to Safe Dams.

On the Reservoir Dredging project plans, are in place to move dirt tomorrow and it will need to be regraded and grassed. The Geotech report will have to be resubmitted to Safe Dams. Earnest Burns questioned Gator's involvement and Marty explained they are the low bidders project.

The Hazel Creek Dam /Camp Creek reservoir repairs will start this summer but safe dams still has issues they want to be addressed from years ago, We cannot do any work until reservoir project is complete.

Marty stated that he needs to get with Keith to see if any adjustments need to be made of the Minimum Developments standards.

Marty gave an update on the Water Supply Study. He said that the EPD is confused because renewal and request for new information were submitted at the same time. He will submit additional information for both requests this month and document that all conditions have been met.

As for the Groundwater Well Exploration there are 9 potential sites. He stated that although there are some concerns groundwater is cheaper it would be important to drought proof the City but, right now we are not ready to proceed.

Marty spoke about the Hazel Creek Raw Water intake Dam and said with the Water Plant being main concern that we would need to see what EPD says about Souqe withdrawal permit.

Chase said that Higgins Construction is 85% complete on 2015 CDBG project. He also stated that the Fieldale expansion is complete.

Chase gave an update on the Water Meter Replacement. He said we had 9 bids which gave us really good options. Keith Ethridge, Utilities Director, stated that he, Chase, Seth and Sonya had visited 2 locations and would visit another in Athens on Monday. Keith said that the benefit of the new AMI meters will eliminate manually reading and the new meter will automatically notify City Hall if there is a leak on a meter which will help on water loss.

Marty said The WWTP Expansion is on hold until the water plant bids are complete. They are working on funding and he had submitted the application to GEFA for principal forgiveness. Dee is also working with Angela Steadly on some grant funding.

Chase said that the Grandview Booster pump station is 70% complete and that it will increase fire protection on Chenocetah Mtn.

Chase said that the J. Warren N. Pump station is 30 years old and needs repairs. Keith said system is designed badly because it pumps to another station and would like to see it pump directly to plant.

Chase stated that we were waiting on an easement for the water system improvement.

Chase said that the Elrod street water main is ongoing and that this project will bring a 10 inch main from Camp Creek to a 2010 connection on Elrod.

Marty stated that for the Wayside Drainage project Angela Steadley will have preliminary drawings submitted by March 1 and application in by April 1<sup>st</sup> and will be awarded in August.

Keith submitted the Utilities Quarterly Report. The Waste Water Plant treated 183.1 millions of sewerage. The Water treatment plant produced 210.93 million gallons of water. We recorded 7.41" Inches of rain and the reservoir is 3.8" above full pool. Keith said that according to water audit loss last year we were at 18% and this year is 13%. We repaired 20 water breaks and 5 sewer blocks.

As there were no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 10:45.