

**RICHMOND WATER AND SEWER
REGULAR MEETING
August 4, 2014 MINUTES**

Members Present: Ashley Lucht, Chair; Bard Hill; David Sander (arrived 6:15 pm); Bruce Bailey;
Bob Fischer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Geoffrey Urbanik, Town Manager, Kendall Chamberlin, Water Resources;
Chris Fischer; Sheila Bailey; Peter Pochop, Green Mountain Engineering;
and Ruth Miller was present from MMCTV to tape the meeting.

Ms. Lucht called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1. Welcome and Public Comment

Ms. Lucht asked if there were any comments from the public, but there was none.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Chamberlin noted that there was some pump station maintenance but the facility was working fine. The department replaced their Life Ring buoys with help from a safety grant from VLCT which covered 50% of the costs.

Mr. Chamberlin noted that there was some graffiti at Volunteers Green and on the "bunker" for the water house. He noted that tampering with a water facility was a felony offense and not something to be taken lightly.

Mr. Hill asked for some future measures of performance for the department. He asked how we could tell the health of the facilities and where were the problem areas in terms of equipment age, cost to maintain, cost to replace and recent repairs.

Amendment to Green Mountain Engineering Contract

The Manager explained that the original contract with Green Mountain Engineering to design the water storage tank included \$4,871 to conduct geotechnical engineering on the site. The preferred contractor recommended more testing and more hours, totaling \$12,650. GME had offered to not charge for their time for the additional work done by the consultant.

Mr. Pochop explained that the additional time was based on professional recommendations which doubled the days of work for the consultant. There was no markup on this cost from GME but we required the additional time for a complete examination of the soils and subsurface investigations.

Mr. Fischer asked if this was the "tip of the iceberg" or were other cost overruns anticipated. Mr. Pochop said that this task was completed and no additional costs were planned.

Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve Amendment #1 to the contract with Green Mountain Engineering for design of the Water Storage Tank in the amount of \$7,779 for additional geotechnical services and was seconded by Mr. Sander. The motion carried 5-0.

West Main Extension

1 The Manager explained that he had engaged Green Mountain Engineering for a definition of scope
2 contract based on the proposal from GME at the July 21st meeting. No meetings had yet been held,
3 however, the Water Commission had not yet asked questions or discussed their goals for this project,
4 and we should do so now.

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6 Mr. Bailey asked how long this line might be in comparison to Jericho Road. The Manager said that
7 the Jericho Road waterline was about 2,200 feet long and cost probably \$800,000. There was some
8 discussion about the differences in this project and the West Main Extension, which was about 1,200
9 feet long. Ms. Lucht said that this should be about plans for the Gateway area and not about cost yet,
10 since those numbers would be developed with discussion.

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12 There was additional discussion about who would pay for this extension, who should share in costs
13 and investments in future areas. Mr. Hill summed up and said that we needed to do our due diligence
14 to see if this was an investment we wanted to make.

15 16 Final Allocation – Bressor, 69 Thompson Road

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18 The Manager explained that a couple of months ago, preliminary allocation was approved for this
19 project and now final allocation was being requested. The allocation fee had been paid for. This was
20 for a duplex, with a total of four bedrooms.

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22 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve final water and sewer allocation for TR0069 and was
23 seconded by Mr. Hill and the motion carried 5-0.

24 25 Approval of Minutes

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27 Mr. Sander offered a motion to approve the minutes of July 7th as amended with minor corrections
28 and was seconded by Mr. Hill and the motion carried 5-0.

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30 Mr. Bailey offered a motion to approve the minutes of June 16th and July 21st and was seconded by
31 Mr. Hill and the motion carried 5-0.

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33 There was some discussion of future agendas.

34 35 **2. Adjourn**

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37 Mr. Bailey offered a motion to adjourn at 6:55pm and was seconded by Mr. Sander. So voted.