

SEWER TASK FORCE

City Hall, Conference Room 2A

Meeting Minutes- Friday, October 1, 2010

Present: Rick Buford, Scott Southwick, Mark Stevenson, Lee Terry, Brian Toohey, Greg Watts.

Absent: Ken Nivens

City Staff: Lori Fleming, Finance Director; and Sarah Talbert, Senior Rate Analyst with Public Works
Pat Burbridge, Public Works Department/Secretary for the meeting

Others in Attendance: Mr. Daryl Dudley, Mr. Tom Ratermann, and Mr. Bill Weitkemper

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Mr. Toohey.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of September 24, 2010 were unanimously approved by voice vote on a motion by Ms. Terry and a second by Mr. Watts.

Mr. Toohey reminded the members that there has been a request from the public to make a presentation before the Task Force. Mr. Stevenson moved to allow public comments be accepted and Mr. Southwick seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously by voice vote. Mr. Toohey suggested that parameters be set for the presentations. It was decided by voice vote that documentation for the presentations be provided a week in advance of the meeting at which it will be presented for the Task Force members to review, and that the presentations be no more than one hour. Mr. Toohey scheduled Mr. Weitkemper for the October 15, 2010 meeting at 3:00. It was also agreed that there would be no presentations scheduled after the November 5, 2010 meeting.

Discuss Baker Tilly Sewer Rate Study from September 24, 2010 meeting

Ms. Fleming provided a handout showing 2011 Sewer Rates based on REU vs Meter Equivalent vs MU wholesale, as described by Mr. Unke.

Mr. Tom Ratermann, Boone County Regional Sewer District, was asked to describe how they do their billing and the how their rates are decided. He gave a brief history of the District. He estimated that over 95% of their customers are residential. He stated that each unit is charged a fixed fee along with a volume charge. The billing is done by Boone Electric Cooperative. If there is a master meter, the property owner is billed and must figure out how to bill the tenants. They have a number of connection agreements with the City of Columbia. Mr. Ratermann will give a formal presentation at an upcoming meeting after confirming a date with Ms. Fleming.

Ms. Fleming will send a copy of the ordinance concerning billing for vacant properties to Task Force members.

Questions about the Baker Tilly presentation should be submitted to Mr. Glascock for discussion at the next meeting. That study will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Stevenson will miss the next two meetings. Ms. Terry will miss the October 8 meeting. Mr. Buford and Ms. Fleming will miss the meeting of October 22.

Mr. Stevenson reported that he had been misquoted in an article in the *Columbia Daily Tribune* last week.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 8, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.

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