



**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 7, 2004**

Present: G. Konow, D. Pattee, J. Campbell, R. Regan P. Moisio

Also present: Jon Hoisak of US Filter/Veolia Water, and 12 members of the public

Mr. Konow called the April 7, 2004 meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission approve the minutes of the meeting of March 3, 2003 as corrected. Campbell, Konow. Approved. Unanimous.

Correction: page 1, paragraph 3, last line, change set to get; paragraph 4, line 2, change months to month; paragraph 6, should be Georgetown Land Development Company; page 2, paragraph 1, line 1, change review to reviewed.

VEOLIA/US FILTER REPORT

Mr. Hoisak of Veolia Water presented the written report on plant operations for March. The plant effluent successfully passed the Aquatic Toxicity test in early March. Mr. Hoisak reported that the SBR technology has been upgraded and Aquaerobics no longer supports the air activated valve. He is checking on a retro-fit to convert to electronic controls. Meter readings were done in March.

Mr. Hoisak presented a report on effluent flow measurement as requested. The report included a series of alternate proposals. The consensus was to opt for alternate #1, make no changes prior to plant expansion. Alternate #5 called for the installation of a magnetic flow meter. The recommendation was to have this type of installation at the time of expansion of the plant due to the cost.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RATE STRUCTURE

The Commission discussed two options for rate reductions. The first proposal lowers the cost per 1000/gallon to \$10.00 for residential users and retains the \$17.90 per 1000/gallon cost for non residential users. The second proposal provide the user for a set number of gallons per month or quarter at no cost, billing for readings above the set limit. Mr. Campbell presented cost estimates for waiving the cost at 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 gallons per quarter. These two options were discussed at length.

Motion: That the Water Pollution Control Commission will pursue a rate reduction to \$10.00 per 1000 gallons for exclusively residential properties. Konow, Moisio. Approved. 4-1. Mr. Campbell voted against the motion.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATUS

The Commission reviewed the financial report from Controller Hutvagner.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Don Stroetzel and Patricia Moisio were recently reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Commission.
2. Mr. Pattee reported that a pre-application meeting is being arranged by Georgetown Land Development with the various land use commissions. He suggested that the WPCC be included in this meeting. The other members of the Commission agreed with him.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Anthony Voltrack, Woods Way: asked who could answer his questions with his water bill. Mrs. Moisio will address his questions. His primary concern was the current bill. Mrs. Moisio reported that the current bill is high because Aquarion, who does the meter readings and reporting on the Woods Way properties, provided estimates rather than actual readings for the two previous quarters and these were both very low.
2. Stephen Robinson, Woods Way: questioned the \$45/quarter charge for the meters for the sprinkler and waterfall. After further discussion, it was resolved that the two charges were made in error, will be deleted from future billings and there will be a rebate on the past charges that were made. The rebate will go back to the time when the waterfall was determined not to be discharging into the sewer system and when the irrigation system was put on a separate meter.
3. John Fisher, Woods Way: stated that the residents of Woods Way had previously been told that they would see some relief for the "sewer" bill when Meadow Ridge was opened and occupied. Meadow Ridge has been in operation for over a year and they have not seen any relief. Mr. Konow responded that this is what the WPCC is in the process of doing. The WPCC must cover the costs of operation of the system and are just now in a financial position to provide some relief.
4. Several others in the audience (residents of Woods Way) commented on their bills and the potential for relief.

ADJOURNMENT

The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Maday, Recording Secretary