

The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff
September 24, 2019

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The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff met for their regular business meeting Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Board room located at 4971 AL Hwy 68, Cedar Bluff Alabama. Meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairman Norman Burton.

Roll Call:

Norman Burton	Present	Linda Pickelsimer	Present
Cindy Early	Absent	Donald Sanders	Present
James Bo Martin	Present		

Minutes for the August 20, 2019 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve as presented was made by Donald Sanders and seconded by Bo Martin.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Burton, Martin, Pickelsimer, Sanders

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Early

Treasurer Pickelsimer presented the financial reports for the month of August. Mrs. Pickelsimer stated reports appeared to be in order and made a motion to accept as printed. Motion was seconded by Donald Sanders.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Burton, Martin, Pickelsimer, Sanders

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Early

Chairman Burton elected to allow visitors to speak at this time.

First guest on the agenda was Carolyn McGlaughn who was not in attendance.

Second was Jeff Smith who was also not in attendance.

Board Member Cindy Early arrived at 4:08.

Richard Walker was next. Mr. Walker has a camper at Chapman's Campground. Mr. Walker addressed the Board with his concerns due to the water being disconnected at Chapman's Campground and the multi user rate schedule put in place by the Board. The legality of water meters and sewer being in easement was also discussed.

Customer David Cosby was next on the agenda. Mr. Cosby expressed his concerns with the possibility of water and sewer upgrades due to Legacy Park development. He is concerned that the Board will implement rate increases to cover said upgrades. After some discussion, Chairman Burton thanked Mr. Cosby for his comments.

Next on the agenda was Dave Kubat. Mr. Kubat was in attendance on behalf of The Cove Restaurant and Riverside Campground. The Board was asked by Mr. Kubat to take responsibility of the pump station located near the restaurant. The owners are wanting to split out and sell lots that are connected to this pump station. Board member Bo Martin asked Manager Harrell his opinion on this matter. Mr. Harrell stated there was no benefit to the Board for taking this on, only problems with this type of pump station. Manager Harrell stated these lots could be individually metered and sewer taps done for each lot. Chairman Burton asked Mr. Harrell to estimate how much he thought upgrades would cost. Mr. Harrell stated possibly \$30,000.00. After further discussion, the Board informed Mr. Kubat they would not consider taking over the pump station unless it was brought up to date at cost to the owners. Other option would be to do individual sewer taps where sewer is available.

Kent Walker was next on the agenda. Mr. Walker is in the process of building a home in Summer Breeze subdivision. Mr. Walker addressed the Board concerning the problems with the sewer system in the subdivision. The Board has had problems with the sewer working properly in that area due to the line never being used until recently. After some discussion, Manager Harrell stated that repairs have been made and sewer is functioning properly at this time. Chairman Burton also informed Mr. Walker if other problems arise the Board would do what is necessary for the sewer to work properly.

Ms. Carolyn McGlaughn had entered meeting and asked to address the Board at this time. Ms. McGlaughn stated that she lives in a camper and stores a motor home on her property. She says the motor home is not hooked to water or sewer and has no where else to store it. She stated she did have the motor home hooked to water in July but not since then. Chief Utility Clerk Jenni Burt provided the Board with pictures taken by utility workers on September 17, 2019. In the pictures a water hose is connected to motor home at one end and other end on ground beside it. Ms. McGlaughn stated she was not able to detach the hose from the motor home. After discussion, a motion was made by Cindy Early to credit Ms. McGlaughn for August and September bills over minimum charge. But if customer is found to have motor home hooked, the bill would be reinstated.

Motion was seconded by Donald Sanders.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Burton, Early, Pickelsimer, Sanders

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Martin

ABSENT:

Ron McCranie addressed the Board at this time. He stated that he mailed in an agenda request but did not get placed on the agenda. Ms. Burt stated there was no request received by the Board office. The Board agreed to allow Mr. McCranie to speak. Mr. McCranie stated that he appreciated what the Board had previously done with Ms. McGlaughn's problem. Also, a clarification was made about storing a camper and possibly hooking it up.

There was no unfinished business.

Board Member Bo Martin addressed the Board with multi user policy concerns due to the previous decision by the Board. Currently, it is policy to charge for livable additional campers/structures. There is confusion whether to charge for livable or only hooked up campers/ structures. After discussion, Mr. Martin made a motion to only charge for additional hooked up campers/structures at private residences only; campgrounds will not be affected by this change. If water or sewer isn't hooked to camper/structure in question the Board will not charge for it. Donald Sanders seconded motion.

Motion Carried (5-0)

AYE: Burton, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer, Sanders

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Manager Harrell presented the Board with the monthly work log consisting of 1 water tap, 4 sewer taps, 31 water leaks, 2 meters replaced, and 1 sewer line repair.

In new business, Treasurer Pickelsimer presented the Board with the 2019/2020 Budget. Chairman Burton brought up the possible purchase of the dump truck owned by the Cedar Bluff Police Department that is used by utility workers. After some discussion concerning cost, the Board asked Manager Harrell to work on an estimate as to the repairs that need to be made to the truck. Treasurer Pickelsimer stated there are monies available for the purchase in Allocations account. After review, Cindy Early made a motion to adopt the budget as presented. Motion was seconded by Bo Martin.

Motion Carried (5-0)

AYE: Burton, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer, Sanders

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Treasurer Pickelsimer also addressed the Board concerning debt owed by the Board. Mrs. Pickelsimer made a motion to make a payment on Peoples Bank loan for office building in the amount of \$76,943.97 from debt retirement in Allocations Account. Motion was seconded by Bo Martin.

Motion Carried (5-0)

AYE: Burton, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer, Sanders

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

After assuring there was no other business, Chairman Burton asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by Donald Sanders and seconded by Bo Martin.

Motion Carried (5-0)

AYE: Burton, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer, Sanders

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.