The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff

July 20, 2021

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHEROKEE COUNTY

The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff met for their regular business meeting Tuesday, July 20, 2021 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 4:00 by Chairperson Cindy Early.

Roll Call:

Jack Bond Present Linda Pickelsimer Present

Cindy Early Present Angela Ritchie Absent

James Bo Martin Present

Guests in attendance for this meeting were Board Attorney Jim Turnbach, John Hyatt and Greg Hall.

Minutes for the June 15, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve as presented was made by Bo Martin and seconded by Jack Bond.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Bond, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ritchie

Treasurer Pickelsimer presented the Financial Reports for the month of June. Mrs. Pickelsimer stated all reports seemed to be in order, and made a motion to accept as printed. Motion was seconded by Jack Bond.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Bond, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ritchie

At 4:02pm Chairman Early requested that Mr. Turnbach join the Board Members in Executive Session to discuss Good Name and Character, to reconvene afterward.

Meeting reconvened at 4:36pm.

In the Manager’s Report, Mr. Harrell presented the Board with the work log for the month of June. The log consisted of 26 water leaks, 6 water tap, 1 sewer taps, and 6 water meters replaced, with a total of 103 work orders performed.

At this time, Chairperson Early recognized guest John Hyatt. Mr. Hyatt informed the Board that he would be speaking on behalf of David Debter and Bill Hamlin, as well as himself. Chairperson Early informed Mr. Hyatt that it was policy of the Board to have each individual address the Board on their own behalf. Mrs. Early stated the other guests could address the Board at a later date. Mr. Hyatt addressed the Board with the desire for sewer service in The Bluff’s Community. The past agreements concerning this project were discussed. Mr. Hyatt stated that he had paperwork from the project’s earlier planning that he would share with the Board. Mrs. Early asked for a written plan for his exact requests. The current policy of the Board is to only allow sewer service to those that have our water service. Mrs. Early stated that the Board would need to look at that policy and consider whether or not to change it. She thanked Mr. Hyatt for addressing the Board.

Chairperson Early recognized Mr. Greg Hall at this time. Mr. Hall granted his time with the Board to new visitor Stevie Timm. The Board had previously denied Mr. Timm sewer service because he does not have our water service. Mr. Timm addressed the Board concerning his difficulties getting a septic tank installed on his property. Mr. Timm expressed his need to tap into the Board sewer system. Mr. Hall also expressed his desire to hook onto the Board’s services. Mr. Timm also stated that he would allow Mr. Hall to use his easement to run water and sewer to his property as well. The properties are in the town limits of Cedar Bluff.

After brief discussion, at 4:55pm, Bo Martin made a motion to return to Executive Session and Jack Bond seconded the motion. Reason being good name and character, to reconvene after.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Bond, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ritchie

Meeting reconvened at 5:20pm.

At this time, Mrs. Early stated that if the Board makes an exception to Board policy Mr. Timm will need to do the following:

1. All expenses will be responsibility of the customer.
2. A locking cut-off must be installed.
3. If said cut-off is on someone else’s property, customer must provide the Board with a recorded Grant of Easement.

Mrs. Early stated that the Board’s new policy will allow for sewer only hookups. She also states that if sewer is cut-off and backs up into the home, the Board holds NO LIABILITY.

Mr. Hall will have the same requirements, plus he will need to contact Northeast Alabama Water for permission to go with the Board for water service. If permission is not granted, he will still be allowed to connect to sewer.

Mr. Timm asked about a timeline for this to be done on his property. Chair Early stated that after he supplies his paperwork, the Board will need to draft and approve a policy before work can be completed. Mr. Timm stated that he would have his paperwork at the office the next morning and be ready to start work. Mrs. Early stated that this would need to wait until policy is in place.

Mr. Hyatt of the Bluff’s Development will have same requirements and this project will be discussed further at a later date.

A motion was made by Linda Pickelsimer to grant an exception to the current sewer policy, to allow non-water customers to hook on to Board’s sewer system with a lockable cut-off. All expenses will be the responsibility of the customer. The Board will also review the current policy and make necessary changes. Motion was seconded by Bo Martin.

Jack Bond Abstain Linda Pickelsimer Yes

Cindy Early Yes Angela Ritchie Absent

Bo Martin Yes

There was no new business to discuss.

After assuring there was no other business to discuss, Chairperson Early asked for a motion to adjourn. Jack Bond made a motion to adjourn. Linda Pickelsimer seconded the motion.

Motion Carried (4-0)

AYE: Bond, Early, Martin, Pickelsimer

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Ritchie

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

APPROVED August 19, 2021:

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CINDY EARLY, CHAIRMAN

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JENNI BURT, SECRETARY