

Water and Sewer Committee
Thursday, October 23, 2008
4:30 PM

Committee
Members

Present:
Darlene Neitch
Charlie Clark
Marvin Perry

Staff Members

Present:
Mike Carter
Amber Johnson
Scott Simpson
Jeff Campbell
Charlie Atkins
Mike Neal

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 p.m., opening citizen's time.

CITIZEN'S TIME

Rodney Blevins of 6839 Nelson Lane, Atkins, appeared before the Board at the last meeting on October 14. He was asked to return for staff to attempt work through his problem. Again, he explained his situation. He purchased a water meter when the project was installed at the discounted rate at that that time. He was not able to hook to the meter due to the fact that the fitting did not extended out of the meter box far enough. He stated that after several attempts requesting the Water Department for assistance, he informed the Water Department by letter to remove him from the billing system. At that time the Water Department removed the meter from his property. He is now ready to hook to the county system and has been informed by the Water Department that it will cost the full amount to have the meter replaced. The Blevins' contend that they wanted to be removed from the billing system because they could not use the meter and did not want to be billed for the unusable meter. They never requested that the meter be pulled. Cindy Blevins was also present who addressed the committee on this issue.

Mr. Carter quoted page 8, Section C from the Water and Sewer Department policy book - *Charge for the service commences when the tap is installed and the service is available, whether used or not.* He also stated that the standard procedure in order to be relieved of receiving a bill is to have the meter removed.

Mr. Neal of the Water Department explained that he did notify the contractor for that project to check out Mr. Blevins meter. He also stated that he did remove the meter.

Following discussion, upon motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Neitch, the committee agreed to follow standard procedure and that the Blevins' should pay the full amount to have the meter re-installed. The Blevins' are also required to pay any delinquent bills before the meter can be installed once again.

Upon motion of Mr. Clark, seconded by Mrs. Neitch, the committee scheduled the following meetings, changes are due to the holiday season.

- Thursday, November 20 at 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Simpson gave a brief update on the following:

- He, Mr. Carter and Mr. Campbell have met on the policy amendments and created and outline for the committee. Recommendations for changes in the policy be presented at the next meeting.
- The North Holston project started today, October 23.
- Bids for the Long Hollow project will be advertised November 2 and will be received December 6.
- He has requested permission from Rural Development to bid Pioneer and Shale Bank Road. He will bid Fox Valley with these also. These will close out the Rural Development projects.

Mr. Perry briefly mentioned the fence surrounding the well at North Holston. Staff will locate the current agreement between the owner and the county before the next meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20 at 4:30 p.m.