

MINUTES  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
BETHEL HEIGHTS CITY HALL  
JUNE 23, 2016 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Bethel Heights Wastewater Treatment Committee met in regular session at the Bethel Heights City Hall. Secretary Buchheit called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members answered the roll call: Mike Cheval, Corey Ball, and Terry Littrell. Mayor Black and Amanda Fenton were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited the pledge.

APPROVE AGENDA: Member Cheval moved to approve the agenda for June 23, 2016. Member Ball seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

APPROVE MINUTES: May 19, 2016. Member Ball moved to approve the minutes from May 19, 2016. Member Cheval seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

APPROVE TREASURY REPORT: May 2016. Members reviewed the treasury report for May 2016. Member Cheval moved to approve the treasury report. Member Ball seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

BILLING & RECEIPTS REPORT: May 2016. Members discussed the billing & receipts report. Member Ball moved to approve the billing & receipts report. Member Cheval seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent.

PUBLIC FORUM:

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. **Sewer Progress/Environmental Report:** Mr. Sayre stated that Phases 1, 2, &3 look much better this month and that lots of water has been stopped from leaking out into the field. Mr. Sayre stated that each pod had 3 holes in them apiece which was allowing 20,000-30,000 gallons of water per day to leak out. Member Cheval asked how the pods were fixed. Mr. Sayre stated that a jack is put at the support beam and is raised so that a special made dome from Orenco is then epoxied to the pod. Member Buchheit questioned what is causing the pods to have holes. Mr. Sayre

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge**

**Agenda**

Motion to Approve  
Motion Passed

**Minutes**

Motion to Approve  
Motion Passed

**Treasury Report**

Motion to Approve

Motion Passed

**Billing & Receipts**

Motion to Approve  
Motion Passed

**Public Forum**

**Current Business**

Sewer Progress/  
Environmental Report

stated that it was a bad design and that a recall had been issued on the pods previously but never replaced or fixed. Mr. Sayre stated that the remaining 50 pods would have to be repaired in the future. Member Ball asked what the cost was to repair the pods. Mayor Black stated that it costs \$400 per tank. Mr. Sayre stated that he has been speaking with the engineer about the timing because he doesn't feel the timing is correct still and is playing with the numbers. Mr. Sayre stated that the fields are drying out and that Phase 4 is putting out what is permitted and looking good. Member Buchheit asked if drip tubing was coming to the surface. Mr. Sayre stated that he hasn't seen it happening. Mr. Sayre stated that a few pumps are not working and that money will be spent on getting pumps and other inventory purchased. Member Ball asked why the fecal was up on Phase 2. Mr. Sayre stated that he believes it's because two pumps went down and the sleeves were cleaned on the lights. Mr. Sayre stated that he thinks the sheets are needing cleaned at Phase 4 due to the BOD being up and is looking at getting the tank pumped. Member Ball asked if the part-time employee is still working out. Mr. Sayre stated that he could really use him more but that at this time doesn't know if the budget can handle adding on an additional employee.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. **ADEQ/Plant Evaluation:** Mayor Black stated that the evaluation was very thorough. Member Buchheit questioned why the dose tank at phase 1 is a 6,000 gallon tank verses the other phases having a 9,000 gallon dose tank. Mr. Sayre stated that he guesses that it has something to do with drip field area. Member Cheval asked about the issue with Phase 3B stating 'installed but not in use'. Mr. Sayre stated that he believes that Phase 3 now goes into Phase 1. Member Buchheit asked what Phase 4B is. Mr. Sayre stated that 9 pods are hooked up but not plumbed and that the plans are different from what we have versus what the engineer is showing. Member Buchheit suggested contacting Scott Neely. Mr. Sayre stated that he still can't monitor Phase 4 and that it needs to be set-up so that monitoring that plant is possible. Member Buchheit asked what the cost would be for the program to monitor Phase 4. Mr. Sayre stated that he hasn't gotten a price, but is estimating it to be about \$400. Mayor Black informed the members that Mr. Rike is under the impression that the soil testing was incorrect and feels that the fields are being oversaturated and that the 9 pods are needed to be installed and operating as well as that more drip field is needed. Mayor Black stated that he is basing this on a .2 soil test. Member Buchheit asked where we are with ADEQ. Mayor Black stated that a

#### Old Business

ADEQ/Plant Evaluation

corrective action plan would have to be submitted to ADEQ on Monday. Member Buchheit asked about the computer being needed. Mayor Black stated that a computer is needed to be set-up at Phase 4 and that a quote would be needed. Mayor Black stated that Harbor is wanting a new soil testing done, but that she feels that this isn't needed at this time, but that the priority is getting the 9 pods installed and drip lines at Phase 4. Member Ball suggested putting the part-time employee into a full-time position. Mr. Sayre stated that he would like that to happen but is concerned that the budget can't handle the expense. Mayor Black stated that she and Mr. Sayre could look over the numbers to see if the budget can handle placing the part-time employee to a full-time status. Member Buchheit suggested hiring someone to install the 9 pods and lines. Members discussed the way the drip fields work within the different zones.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Rent House Pest Control:** Mayor Black questioned the members on if they thought the rent house should be continued to be sprayed for bugs. Members discussed the possibilities of usage for the house in the future. Member Cheval stated that he thought if the house isn't going to be used as rental the pest control wasn't needed, but that the termite contract should be continued. Member Buchheit agreed. Mr. Sayre stated that he could use the house as storage for piping. Member Cheval asked what the preference was for the house. Mayor Black stated that she would prefer not to rent the house out. Members agreed that spraying for bugs wasn't needed and that the house could be used for storage.

**ADJOURN MEETING:** Member Cheval moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Ball seconded the motion. Motion passed without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

APPROVED: Terry Littrell  
Chairman

ATTEST: Ken Buchheit  
Secretary

**New Business**

Rent House Pest Control

**Adjourn Meeting**

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Passed