WATER BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10th, 2006
TIME: 5:00 P.M.


Pledge to Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Water Office Manager Donna Lecher requested permission to purchase two more computers and monitors for the counter. This would make it so more than one customer could be waited on at a time. Donna brought quotes from:

1. Summit Microsystems $2357 per and has floppy discs.
2. Tiger Direct $2264.56 per and no floppy discs.
3. PC Electric World $2462.94 per and no floppy discs.

Donna recommended the Summit Microsystems even though they are a little more than Tiger Direct because they take care of all the IT problems for her office and are local. Mr. Mills knows her system and exactly what is needed.

The Board asks to go down to her office and they could see first hand of what she was talking about.

Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by Frank Massey to approve Donna to buy one computer and monitor from Summit Microsystems. So passed.

Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by Bob Cochran to deny a request from Pavy Stockyard for an adjustment on their water bill for a leak. So passed.

Water Superintendent Rick Denney requested permission to purchase two new tires for the backhoe. Rick had quotes from:

1. Walter’s Goodyear $589 per tire
2. Brown’s Firestone $470 per tire
3. Walter’s Goodyear Firestone $460 per tire

Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by Bob Cochran to approve the purchase of two tires from Walter’s Goodyear Firestone at $460 per tire and have them to put them on. So passed.

Rick Denney told the Board that Mid-America, with whom the City has a maintenance contract with for their elevator, had replaced the motor in the elevator at the water plant and sent a bill for $14,312.73. Rick noted that $10,000 of the bill was for labor and felt the company was price gouging for some of the bill. Rick said that when he mentioned having the City Attorney involved they then lowered the bill by nearly $4,000 to $10,450.20.
Rick told the Board that the valve then went out of the elevator and Mid-America said the valve assembly and elevator pump were obsolete and that they couldn’t be fixed and would cost $13,000. Rick then checked with ABC Elevator and they came down and told Rick that they could rebuild the valve assembly and elevator pump for $800. Rick had them to go ahead and fix this.

Rick would like to recommend that the City sever their contract with Mid-America but noted that the company would not void the contract until they paid the bill of $10,450.20. Rick had talked to another company and was told the bill should not have been more than $8,000.

Motion by Bob Cochran and seconded by Chuck Storie to approve Rick to pay Mid-America $8,000 and to have the City Attorney prepare a letter to Mid-America. So passed.

Superintendent Rick Denney told the Board that he was on vacation last week and one of Poindexter Company reps came and talked to Chris Johnson and told Chris that they had talked to Rick and had permission to pick up a hydrant meter to be able to pull water and haul to the Honda site. Rick told the Board that he had not talked with the Poindexter Company at all about any of this. The Poindexter Company ripped the guts out of the meter from pulling so hard on the water. They had pulled a quarter of a million gallons of water Monday alone. They were suppose to pull 80,000 a day and were suppose to get their water through Rural Water. Monday alone they had 15 truck loads. Rick told the Board he cut them off.

The City Attorney Steve Taylor and Darren Burkhart of HNTB suggested of having a contract with an out clause to protect the City’s water supply in case of a drought and Rick to monitor the level of the reservoir. They would be able to draw untreated water by cutting a hole in the fence for a second access with the stipulation that everything would be put back to complete original condition and the driveway has to be restored back to the original condition as well. This is only for 100 days, starting today.

After discussion of the cost to bill them for the water they got, it was decided to charge them $30 per 10,000 gallons for untreated water. The City charges $115 per 10,000 for treated water. Rick is to make a bill up for the water and give to the Poindexter Company.

Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by Frank Massey to have the City Attorney draw up a contract with all the stipulations and to charge $30 per 10,000 gallons of untreated water up to 100 days starting October 11th. So passed.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB gave a progress update on the infrastructure for the Honda area. In the Phase I they have been working for an agreement on a new water tower for the area. The tower will be constructed on the Honda property and will be a one million gallon tank. Darren is looking at advertising for construction bids for the tank by the end of October. The tank has to be up and running by the end of 2007. It was discussed as to what to call the tank and it was settled on Upland Tank North.

The water line will be a 16” and 22,000 ft. Construction bids will be in January or February and start in March.
Phase II is to look and see if there is any more good water available. They can pull around 9,000,000 gallons a day from Flat Rock safely. Ground water is cheaper to get and to treat. They have brought in experts on ground water. They are evaluating some proposed sites for the need of another reservoir and surface water.

Darren discussed the water and wastewater series numbering for claims to be paid from the SRF loan bonds. The 100 series will be water and the 200 series will be wastewater. Darren had an HNTB claim in the amount of $127,860.00. The series 101, 102 and 103 for the water portion comes to $79,540. The remaining portion of the bill, are 200 series for wastewater in the amount of $48,320.

City Attorney Steve Taylor told the Board that they are getting ready to close on the SRF loan bonds. Discussion was held on how to pay these claims. They could be paid at the close off of the SRF loan bonds.

Motion by Chuck Storie and seconded by Frank Massey to approve these claims be paid from the SRF loan bonds at the closing of bonds at the end of the month and any on coming claims by drawdown. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _________________________________

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Clerk-Treasurer