

WATER BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11th, 2006
TIME: 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus, Bob Cochran, Robin Meyer, Chuck Storie and Frank Massey.

Pledge to Allegiance was recited.

Minutes were approved.

Steve Orr from Cardinal Radio out of Indianapolis, requested permission to lease space to erect a 160 ft. tower adjacent to the Upland Reservoir building and 10 ft. of space inside the building. It would be a triangle shape tower that transmits 100 watts of power and would like to have it up and running by spring of 2007. This is a cell tower.

Rick Denney does not have a problem with this. Darren Burkhart stated that the City will be putting a tower a 60 ft. tower on the proposed area of the new elevated water tower that will be built east of the Upland Reservoir. Question concerning the easement came up and City Attorney stated that the easement from Honda is a general document.

Mayor Manus requested Mr. Orr to get with Darren Burkhart of HNTB and then they can get additional information to the City. Mr. Orr left his business card so the City Attorney would be able to contact him.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB brought a letter of recommendation to award the Water Tower Bid to the second lowest bidder, CB&I Constructors, Inc. from Plainfield, Illinois. The reason the recommendation was to the second lowest bidder, was after upon completion of reviewing the bid documents it was determined that the apparent low bidder, Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors, Inc of Avon, Indiana, had submitted a non-responsive bid. The bid document indicated that the work would not be completed within the designated time frame of the contract documents. The bid documents of the second lowest bidder were determined to be responsive.

Motion by Robin Meyer and seconded by Chuck Storie to award the Upland Elevated Water Storage Tank to the second lowest bidder being CB&I Constructors, Inc. of Plainfield, Illinois, for \$2,347,000. So passed.

Darren Burkhart announced that on December 20th a public hearing would be held at 5:00 P.M. for the Water and at 4:00 P.M. for the Wastewater pertaining to updates on these utilities.

Steve Taylor City Attorney has tried to contact Mid-America about the \$8,000 settlement approved by the Water Board. He has not heard from Mid-America.

Rick Denney Water Superintendent would like to have approval to fix Filter Bed #8. Rick would like to use the stainless steel which is a lot more expensive. **After discussion a motion by**

Robin Meyer and second by Bob Cochran was made to table this till next month. So passed.

Larry McCammet came before the Board about Rural Water turning his requests for water permits down. Larry said he took a check to Rural Water for permits and they turned him down. Larry stated he had Rural Water to give him a written letter of denial. Larry stated that he had built and paid for the entire infrastructure for the Vandalia Hills and Rolling Meadows area. Neither Rural Water nor anyone else had built or paid for the infrastructure. He noted that he had installed a 12" water line. Larry is requesting consideration that water will be provided by the City. The areas have been annexed since 1999. Rural Water advised him that they cannot issue any permits and that they have met their maximum contractual amount in that area.

Steve Taylor City Attorney stated that they have been trying to arrange a meeting with Rural Water to attempt to resolve this issue.

Donna Lecher Water Office Manager stated that the water company records show that Rural Water has not exceeded their limitation of maximum gallons used. They have not been over 30,000 gallons at any time.

Robin Meyer stated he has been on the Water Board for six years and has never seen a Rural Water representative present at the meetings.

Chuck Storie questioned if a temporary increase had been granted to Rural Water.

City Attorney Steve Taylor stated a temporary increase had been given to Rural Water for Honda and offered for the Prairie Materials cement plant until jurisdiction could be negotiated between Rural Water and the City.

The Water Board agreed the City would look into this and try to help Mr. McCammet.

Darren Burkhart of HNTB gave an update on projects: the elevated tank bids, finish water mains, phase I projects, phase II projects, new raw water main, upgrade on pumping station, build a new ground water plant that would treat surface water and exploring more ground water wells. A future project will include the development of a new reservoir.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST: _____ Clerk-Treasurer