



**GATE CITY SANITATION AUTHORITY MINUTES
DECEMBER 8, 2010
156 E. JACKSON ST.
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Jim Craft, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL –Town Clerk Kathy Riley

PRESENT: Chairman, Jim Craft
Vice-Chair, Dewey Breeding
Council Member, Roger Cassell
Town Attorney, K. Michelle Jenkins
Town Manager, Steve Templeton

ABSENT: None

Others present: NONE

III. CONSENT ADGENDA

• **Approval of Bills.**

Motion made to approve Bills for November, 2010

Motion by: Board Member, D. Breeding 2nd by: Council Member, R. Cassell

VOTE: Yeas, 3
Nays, 0
Absent 0

• **Approval of Sanitation Minutes.**

Motion made to approve Minutes for November 17, 2010.

Motion by: Board Member, D. Breeding 2nd by: Council Member, R. Cassell

VOTE: Yeas, 3
Nays, 0
Absent 0

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT None

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Reiterates the receipt of three months of Scott County PSA bills at one time, with decision to pay two months (September/October) then the other two months. Discusses the late charges that were billed to us on the July and August bills and decision to not pay that, with no grief received from them. Explanation from Chris Edwards, Treasurer was satisfactory because we were not re-billed for those charges in this month's bill. Provides figures

from this month's bill, still below what was budgeted. Explains reduction in amount charged regarding preparation of bill.

Chairman, J. Craft – Asks, have they sent a copy of the meter reading with the bill.

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Shows him what they read each day at the pump station, with the total usage at the end of the month. Have not received any documentation they are calibrating the meters, though I was assured he (Danko) would provide it the next day when I spoke to him. States he will send a note to Danko that he is ready to see it. Suspects they have never calibrated the meters.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Asks if they will submit bills on time.

Town Manager, S. Templeton – Responds, they have been informed of the importance of timely submission of the bills to us. Explains still docking the PSA Commissioner's expense, does not feel we should be paying that, with no grief from them. Suggests investigating the cost of putting our own meter in that is inaccessible by PSA for verification of readings. No problems this month with pumps going out, repairs or leaks. This past week had some leaks due to frozen pipes on Manville Road, with larger leak above Court House that was repaired in less than two hours.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Asks if any contracts been seen regarding the reimbursements and at what point are we going to stop it.

Town Attorney, M. Jenkins – States, it is an option you have. She has sent out four letters with no response from Ms. Davidson and Steve Jennings. Mike (Carrico) said Jessie would get me a copy and hasn't received a copy of it yet. When I spoke to Tucker, was told had no idea where to find it. That is an option you have. If you stop it, they'll have to have something to prove, but need to have some argument as to why you are stopping it, whether time period has ran out, was it similar with the other subdivisions, when were things put it and logically how could this contract be up? No one has copies and with them not having a copy can't say that we are incorrect either. Believes two letters were sent to Davidson and Jennings with no response.

Council Member, R. Cassell – He questions if there ever has been one.

Town Attorney, M. Jenkins – Asks if anyone has ever gone through the minutes?

Town Manager, S. Templeton – States has gone through some, during that period, but not all of them. Discussion to research files to find contracts that have a timeline when contracts may have been implemented.

Council Member, R. Cassell – Asks if we are bound by PSA for the rates, with revenues exceeding our expenses, asks if we can decrease from 100%?

Town Manager, S. Templeton - Provides explanation that Council approved to raise sewer rates to 100% of water rates, with anticipation of these projects. Suggests this is not a good time to lower rates, because they have option in contract to re-adjust their rates with us. Recommends waiting to see if PSA decides to have a meeting to renegotiate the contract and raises our rates before we lower our rates. Discusses our crew going into sewer, confined space, methane gas and will hire a professional company that specializes in that work, which will reduce Town's liability.

VI. NEW BUSINESS None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS None

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn until next regularly scheduled Sanitation Meeting on January 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: Council Member, R. Cassell 2nd by: Board Member, D. Breeding

VOTE: Yeas, 3
 Nays, 0
 Absent 0

Chairman adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Jim Craft – Chairman

Kathy Riley – Town Clerk