



GATE CITY SANITATION AUTHORITY MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2015
156 E. JACKSON ST.
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roger Cassell, Chairman/Council Member, called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL – Town Clerk, Amanda McKenna

	PRESENT:	ABSENT:
Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell	yeah	
Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock	yeah	
Board Member, Dewey Breeding	yeah	
Board Member, Greg Carter		absent
Board Member, Jim Craft	yeah	
Town Attorney, Michele Brooks	yeah	
Town Manager, Greg Jones	yeah	

Others present: None

III. PROCLAMATIONS, CONGRATULATORY RESOLUTIONS, AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, RESIGNATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS, ADMINISTRATIONS OF OATHS ON INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS.

Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell stated that even though it was not sanitation related it was interesting for everyone to know that Gate City had won the Gold Award for water quality again this year. He further stated that Council Member, Wallace W. Ross, Jr. accepted the award for the town.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of Bills.**

Motion made to approve the bills as written.

Motion by: Vice-Chair Daris Hartsock 2nd by: Board Member, Dewey Breeding

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays,
Absent, 1
Abstain,

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Approval of Minutes**

Motion made to approve the minutes as written.

Motion by: Board Member, Dewey Breeding 2nd by: Board Member, Jim Craft

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays,
Absent, 1

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Abstain,

- VI. **COMMUNICATIONS** - None.
- VII. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - No public.
- VIII. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None.
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- **Public Hearing for the FY 16 Budget**

Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that there is going to be a public hearing for the Council to approve their budget on June 24, 2015 at 5:30 P.M. and there would be a special called meeting on July 1, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. to approve the budget. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell stated that they would just need to come in and vote on their portion and the Council would vote on their portion. He further stated that Town Clerk, Amanda McKenna would need to send reminders to everyone about both of those meetings.

Motion made to: have the public hearing for the sanitation FY 16 budget at the same time and date as the Council budget public hearing.

Motion by: Board Member, Dewey Breeding 2nd by: Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays,
Absent, 1
Abstain,

They further made a motion to approve the budget during the Council's special called meeting on July 1, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion by: Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock 2nd by: Board Member, Dewey Breeding

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays,
Absent, 1
Abstain,

- **Debt Reserve/Audit Findings**

Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that there were 2 debt reserve accounts. These are very old accounts and by the advice of our auditors we no longer need to have these old reserve accounts. It is by suggestion of the auditors that we take the money from the reserve accounts and place them into savings accounts. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell asked if we were going to try to use any of it to free up any small debts. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that it would be easier to have that money in the savings accounts to use rather than to keep the money in the reserve accounts.

Motion made to: transfer the money out of the bond reserve into savings accounts.

Motion by: Board Member, Dewey Breeding 2nd by: Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays,
Absent, 1
Abstain,

- **Loan Refinance**

Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that we had 3 old bonds that we were paying approximately 5% interest on. He further stated that he had contacted several banks about submitting bids on the refinancing and options of these 3 old bonds. New People's Bank came back with an offer of 2.5%

interest on a 10 year loan. We can lump all of the bonds together and pay them off a lot sooner. Some of the bonds will be retiring soon and we will need to do something with them. If we completely pay off the smallest loan of \$41,656.00 then refinance the other 2 bonds we will be looking at higher monthly payments and have these loans paid off in the next 10 years, but will save the town approximately \$180,000.00 in interest in the long run. He also stated that we could make the payments as is if necessary. Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock asked how much lower the payments would be. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that he was not 100% certain but if we make the payments on the \$41,000.00 the interest would be greater than the payment. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell asked when they would be paid off originally. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that we want to have these all paid for by 2026. Your budget sheets are highlighted and the extra money is in the equipment maintenance fund. We can apply that amount to the whole balance of the \$41,000.00. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell stated that we need to be watching our larger equipment as they are starting to receive some wear and tear. We may have to start looking at purchasing some new equipment. Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock asked if there would be any rate increases. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that no there would be no increase. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell stated that if we took off the depreciation well it would help keep our head above water. He further stated that Cody threw out that DEQ has a loan program for improvements and the deadline is July 17th. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that he did not have a project for that right now. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell stated that Mattern and Craig have hit the ground running and they are already working on some programs. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that he would like to discuss purchasing our own treatment fan. Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock asked diesel or gas powered? Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that it would be diesel. Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock stated that it would last for years. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell asked about the flow meters being checked to ensure that our meters were reading the monthly calibration. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that he didn't think so. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell stated that he thought they were due in February. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that he would look into this. Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock asked what the readings were now. Town Manager, Greg Jones stated that the readings were normal. Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell state that the money spent on the master meter was money well spent.

Motion made to: pay off the loan of approximately \$41,656.00 series #1990B.

Motion by: Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock 2nd by: Board member, Jim Craft

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays,
Absent, 1
Abstain,

They further made a motion to refinance under Option 1 with New People's Bank for series #1990A and #1993 at 2.5% for 10 years.

Motion by: Board Member, Dewey Breeding 2nd by: Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays,
Absent, 1
Abstain,

X. OTHER BUSINESS - None

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made for Board to adjourn to next regularly scheduled Sanitation Meeting on July 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by: Vice-Chair, Daris Hartsock 2nd by: Board Member, Dewey Breeding

VOTE:	Yeas,	4
	Nays,	
	Absent	1
	Abstain,	

Chairman/Council Member, Roger Cassell, adjourned the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Roger Cassell – Chairman/Council Member

Town Clerk – Amanda McKenna

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