

AUGUST 4, 2014

Minutes of special meeting of the Municipal Services Commission held August 4, 2014 at the office of the Commission, 216 Chestnut Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. with Robert S. Appleby, President, Commissioner, presiding.

Attendance Report:

Present: Robert S. Appleby, President, Commissioner  
Daniel F. Knox, Commissioner  
Dr. Roy J. Sippel, Commissioner  
Pamela A. Patone, Secretary

Also in attendance: Jay Guyer, Water Supervisor and Ryan Jaeger, Assistant Water Supervisor

Commissioner Appleby inquired whether the meeting was posted. Secretary Patone advised that the meeting was posted the morning of August 4, 2014 to convene a Special Meeting of the Commission to inform the Commissioners of lab results from the Commission's wells. Secretary Patone indicated that due to the special circumstances that the Commission was in compliance of Freedom of Information Act requirements.

Commissioner Appleby requested that Supervisor Jay Guyer report on the status of the water system. Supervisor Guyer reported that after Artesian Water had detected contaminants in one of their wells, that he and Secretary Patone communicated to the Commissioners at the last Commission meeting that they were requesting to test all three of the Commission's wells. He advised that the Commissioners approved this request and all three wells were tested. Supervisor Guyer went on to report that a lab report was generated by EuroFins Laboratories on July 23, 2014 that reported elevated levels of PFOS at all three wells and elevated levels of PFOA at one well. He indicated that the Basin Road well had PFOA levels of .44 parts per billion (ppb) compared to the US EPA Provisional Health Advisory Limit (PHAL) of .4 ppb and PFOS levels of 2.3 ppb compared to the US EPA PHAL of .2 ppb. Supervisor Guyer reminded the Commissioners that the Basin Road well site was placed out of service in June when the Commission was informed that the Artesian Water well had detects. He advised that the lab report was sent to the Office of Drinking Water. Supervisor Guyer reported that on August 1, 2014 the Office of Drinking Water Program Administrator, Ed Hallock advised that the EPA was recommending that the Commission's water system and wells be shut down until treatment can be put into place. Supervisor Guyer indicated that the Water Department began blowing off water mains to prepare to connect with Artesian Water's system through the interconnection agreement the Commission maintains for these type situations. Supervisor Guyer advised that the system is ready to begin purchasing water from Artesian on August 5, 2014. Commissioner Knox questioned whether the Artesian water would be tested. Supervisor Guyer and Assistant Supervisor Jaeger indicated that the water that would be provided by Artesian has already been treated for these contaminants and would be a non-detect for the PFOA & PFOS. Supervisor Guyer went on to report that he and Assistant Supervisor Jaeger have made contact with Layne

Christensen regarding the design of a treatment system that would remove the contaminants from the City's water. He advised that he had also been researching the option of a portable treatment system that could be rented and allow the Commission to pump the wells and treat the water until a permanent system was built. He advised that the cost associated with these options is being accumulated. Commissioner Knox questioned the timing of these options. The staff indicated that they have expressed the urgency to the vendors and they are actively working on obtaining quotes. Commissioner Appleby inquired as to the rate to be paid to Artesian Water. Secretary Patone indicated that the rate quoted by Artesian Water for the interconnection agreement is \$3.43 per 1,000 gallons. She advised that she would like to request that Artesian Water consider charging a lower rate, such as the Boothhurst rate of \$3.10 per 1,000 gallons. Secretary Patone advised that the EPA is requesting that a public notice be distributed to all the customers regarding the contaminant and the well shut down. She indicated that the information in the notice is created and required by the EPA. She also advised that a press release has been drafted by staff and will be sent to the local newspaper. Secretary Patone reported that she has been in touch with both DNREC and EPA representatives that are performing an investigation to determine the source of the contaminants. She advised that the Commission is listed as an interested party so that they can be kept informed of the results of the investigation. She also advised that the accounting staff will be tracking the costs associated with this contaminant so that the Commission can submit a claim if the source can be determined. Commissioner Appleby inquired regarding the test performed in 2009-2010 that showed slightly elevated levels of PFOS at the two well sites tested. Supervisor Guyer indicated that those results were provided to the Office of Drinking Water in 2009-2010 and provided in the Consumer Confidence Report each year since then. He advised that under the direction of the Office of Drinking Water, no action was deemed necessary as a result of the 2009-2010 tests. Commissioner Knox questioned why the Commission performed the tests in 2009 & 2010. Supervisor Guyer advised that a customer requested that the Commission perform the test. Commissioner Appleby questioned why Artesian was required to perform the tests and the Commission was not required. Supervisor Guyer indicated that since Artesian serves customers with over 10,000 customers they participate in the federal Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 3 where they monitor for the presence of 28 unregulated drinking water contaminants. He advised since the Commission does not have over 10,000 customers there is no requirement to test. Secretary Patone advised that Ed Hallock of the Office of Drinking Water informed her that once the detects were noted at the Artesian Water well site, that he would have been contacting the Commission to require them to perform the testing.

Commissioner Sippel questioned the timeframe for a portable/temporary filtration system. Supervisor Guyer advised that he is providing all the details regarding the Commission's water quality to the vendors and will continue to gather information. Commissioner Appleby advised that a backwash of the filters would need to be done with a carbon filtration system therefore, there needs to be a sewer line set up. Supervisor Guyer agreed that there will be a permitting process for the discharge of the water into the waste system. Commissioner Appleby asked the Commissioners whether they had any other questions regarding the water system and the well shut down. There being no further discussion on this topic, Commissioner Appleby inquired whether there was any other business that should be addressed at this time.

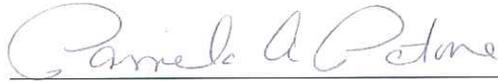
Secretary Patone informed the Commissioners that the capital budget included an air compressor which was quoted without consideration for the Tier 3 & Tier 4 compliance for air emissions. Supervisor Guyer explained the diesel engine compliance to the Commissioners. Secretary Patone reminded the Commissioners that the air compressor is to be used to sand blast the street lights and paint them. She indicated that the budget was \$14,500 but the best price for a unit that is in stock is \$17,750. She requested that the Commissioners approve the higher quote for this capital purchase.

Upon motion made and unanimous approval, the Commissioners voted to approve the increase for the air compressor from \$14,500 to \$17,750.

ADJOURNMENT

By motion made and unanimous approval, the Commissioners voted to adjourn.

Approved 8-18-14  
Date

  
Pamela A. Patone