

MINUTES

The Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC, Regular Meeting, held at 200 Commerce Street, Spartanburg, SC, February 22, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Copies of the agenda were forwarded to the following news media: Spartanburg Herald-Journal, The Spartan Weekly, Greenville News, The Greer Citizen, Hometown News, WSPA-TV 7, WYFF-TV 4, WLOS-TV 13, WHNS Fox Carolina, WORD News Radio, WOLT-FM Radio, Tribune Times, and the Times Examiner.

Commissioners present were Ms. Viney, Mr. Littlejohn, and Mr. Montgomery. No one was absent.

The meeting was opened with the following statement:

This is a regular meeting of The Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Spartanburg, SC. Written notice of the date, time, and place for this meeting, along with the agenda, has been posted in the lobby and on the Spartanburg Water website, and copies forwarded to local and nearby news media, at least 24 hours prior to this meeting.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2022

Mr. Littlejohn moved and Ms. Viney seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

2. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Newt Pressley presented a financial summary of SWS expenditures and revenues for the seven-month period ending January 31, 2022. An explanation was provided for the favorable and unfavorable budget variances.

The Commission agreed to schedule a budget work session for April 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

The above was provided as information to the Commission.

3. WATER QUALITY REPORT

Bobby Walden provided the Commission with an update on water quality.

Reservoir #1 Intake Structure: Geosmin – ranged from 6.6 to 8.3 PPT and MIB – is less than detect. Finished Water entering the distribution system: Geosmin – ranged from 3.5 to 5.2 PPT and MIB – is less than detect. The average raw water temperature ranged from 46-57 degrees Fahrenheit. Based on historical trends and current water quality data, the next preventative maintenance application will be the first week in March.

The above was provided as information to the Commission.

4. REPORT ON DRINKING WATER RESERVOIRS

Ms. Schneider provided an update on permits and land transfer letters. New LED lighting is being installed in the new parking area and existing lighting throughout the park is being updated to LED in order to provide a brighter, safer, more cost efficient park experience for visitors.

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ADA compliant handrails have been added to the ADA access ramp at the boat ramp.

Ms. Schneider stated the fishing area on Municipal Reservoir #1 located on Riveroak Road has been permanently closed to the public. The decision to close the fishing area was due to vandalism, excessive litter, erosion, and water quality concerns. At this time staff has not received any complaints associated with the closure.

Mr. Littlejohn asked where the closest fishing alternative is located. Bobby Walden stated there are no other public fishing sites on Reservoir #1; therefore, Lake Bowen and Lake Blalock are the alternate public fishing sites.

Ms. Schneider informed the Commission that a contiguous property owner on Lake Blalock cleared vegetation in an area under a protective covenant on Spartanburg Water property where the threatened species plant *Hexastylis Naniflora* exists. The habitat around the plants was damaged, but the plants were not damaged. Staff took immediate enforcement action, placing a temporary fence and No Trespassing signs in the areas impacted. Staff also consulted with a certified arborist to conduct a habitat damage assessment and draft a restoration plan. On February 15, 2022, a contractor restored the damaged buffer area in accordance with the restoration plan as designed. The contiguous property owner will be required to reimburse Spartanburg Water System for the full amount of all consulting services, staff time, and cost of restoration of approximately \$3,000. All land and watercraft permits have been placed on-hold and will remain on-hold until the restoration is complete.

Ms. Viney asked if proper channels had been taken to report this damage. Ms. Schneider stated that staff is verifying any further needed notification, but SWS is still responsible for restoration of the habitat. Ms. Schneider noted that *Hexastylis Naniflora* is no longer an endangered species, but a threatened species. Bobby Walden stated that the area was properly posted and these habitats are checked semi-annually by staff.

Ms. Viney asked if these were new property owners and if they were aware of the species and habitat. Ms. Schneider stated the owners are somewhat recent, but not new. The area is posted and the recent semi-annual check verified there was no damage at that time.

Mr. Littlejohn asked to clarify that the property owner had knowledge of the protected species. Ms. Schneider confirmed that signage noting the threatened species faces the property owners side as well as SWS side.

Ms. Schneider stated management will continue to meet with Lakefront POA Committees. The next meeting with Reservoir #1 Stakeholders is scheduled for March 14, 2022.

SWS will send a letter to all watercraft permit holders informing them of an increase in the cost for boating fees that will go into effect on March 15, 2022. The annual watercraft permit renewal period is March 15, 2022 – April 30, 2022.

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The above was provided as information to the Commission.

5. VARIANCE REQUEST – 181 MIXEDWOOD DRIVE – LAKE BOWEN

The adjoining property owner desires to install two Personal Watercraft Lifts adjacent to their existing marine structure. Watershed staff disapproved the application because the current marine structure (dock) does not comply with the 14 foot offset requirement associated with extended lot lines.

The marine structure is located on the far right of the associated shoreline, if facing the lake. In its current placement, the dock intersects with the extended property line.

Watershed staff evaluated the site and determined there is sufficient distance from the other marine structures located within the cove area for the installation of the PWC lifts.

The property owner is requesting a variance of the Standard Specifications of the Lake Bowen Policies and Procedures for a marine structure regarding the 14 foot offset requirement.

Staff has confirmed the installation of two PWC lifts would not impede access, create a safety concern or have a negative impact on water quality. Staff has no objections to the variance as described above.

Ms. Viney moved and Mr. Littlejohn seconded the motion to approve the requested variance at 181 Mixedwood Drive. The motion passed unanimously.

6. INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Littlejohn moved and Ms. Viney seconded the motion to ratify the action taken in the SSSD meeting to appoint Newt Pressley, Chief Financial Officer, as the Interim Chief Executive Officer, effective April 1, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

7. AGREEMENTS EXECUTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSION

The following agreements have been executed on behalf of the Commission by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the resolution adopted by the Commission on March 28, 1989.

A. Outside City Private Fire Service Agreements

(1) RV Garage FS

RV Garage, located at Mount Pleasant Road in Spartanburg, wishes to connect a 6-inch water line to the Commission's 12-inch water line along Mount Pleasant Road to serve one private hydrant for the above-mentioned storage facility. RVGarage, LLC wishes to enter into an agreement for this service.

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Annual Stand-by Revenue - \$446.32

(2) Spartanburg ENT Allergy FS

Spartanburg ENT Allergy at North Grove, located at 1095 Iron Ore Road in Spartanburg, wishes to connect a 6-inch water line to the Commission's 10-inch water line along Iron Ore Road to serve a private fire protection system, including one private hydrant, for the above-mentioned healthcare facility. Iron Ore Real Estate, LLC wishes to enter into an agreement for this service.

Annual Stand-by Revenue - \$446.32

B. Outside City Water Main Extension Agreements

(1) Cottages at Broken Chimney Phase II

BVI Development Corporation is developing the Cottages at Broken Chimney Phase II located off of Broken Chimney Road. This phase of the development will consist of 15 residential lots, approximately 480 linear feet of 6-inch water main, 550 linear feet of 4-inch water main, and one hydrant. The developer will bear all costs.

(2) East Main Meadows

South Tyger Properties, LLC is developing East Main Meadows located off of East Main Street in Spartanburg. This development will consist of 56 residential lots, approximately 492 linear feet of 8-inch water main, 464 linear feet of 4-inch water main, and one hydrant. The developer will bear all costs.

(3) Maggie Acres

M. Seay, LLC is developing Maggie Acres located off of Sandy Ford Road. This development will consist of 76 residential lots, approximately 1,945 linear feet of 6-inch water main, 1,617 linear feet of 4-inch water main, 577 linear feet of 2-inch water main, and two hydrants. The developer will bear all costs.

(4) Standing Rock

ECS Development, LLC is developing Standing Rock subdivision located off of Upper Valley Falls Road. This development will consist of 119 residential lots, approximately 2,311 linear feet of 8-inch water main, 379 linear feet of 6-inch water main, 1,024 linear feet of 4-inch water main and five hydrants. The developer will bear all costs.

C. Lake Agreements

Applications have been submitted and all fees have been paid on the following Lake Agreements, associated with new construction and replacement.

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- (1) **Clarence T. and Yoskhiko Bordner**, desire to stabilize the shoreline on Lake Bowen.
- (2) **Scott B. Sarrells**, desires to construct a personal watercraft lift on Lake Bowen.
- (3) **Joseph C. Marzouca**, desires to construct a boat lift and a personal watercraft lift on Lake Bowen.
- (4) **Timothy A. Hays and Bobbi J. Hays**, desire to construct a soft pathway on Lake Bowen.
- (5) **Deborah Dunn**, desires to construct a personal watercraft lift on Lake Bowen.
- (6) **Zhong Wu and Sou Lam**, desire to construct a personal watercraft lift on Lake Bowen.

Applications have been submitted and all fees have been paid on the following Lake Agreements, associated with acknowledgement of ownership.

- (1) **John F. Harrell**, hard pathway and dock replacement on Lake Blalock.
- (2) **Bradford Wright**, shoreline stabilization on Lake Bowen.

D. Encroachment Agreements

All paperwork, surveys, etc., have been completed and the encroachment agreement has been recorded.

- (1) **Tanya Parton Watson and Jason Millard Watson**, dwelling encroachment on Lake Bowen.

8. NEGOTIATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no negotiations or miscellaneous administrative matters.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

G. Newton Pressley
Secretary-Treasurer