

**Citizen's Wastewater Oversight Committee Meeting
Council Study Session Room
201 West Gray
Norman, Oklahoma
Tuesday, October 15, 2013
8:15 AM**

Members Present: Jayna Andrews, Jim Burleson, Del Burke, Scott Greene, Greg Jungman, Merrill Snider, James Wilbanks, Duane Winegardner, and Judith Wilkins

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Anthony Francisco, Suzanne Krohmer, Ken Komiske, Mark Daniels, and Connor Cox, Intern

Chair Wilkins called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

Minutes from the August 20, 2013 were not available for the meeting.

Meeting dates for 2014 were set for second Tuesday of the quarter at 8:15 am in the Study Session Room with the exception of July: January 14th, April 8th, August 12th, and October 14th. Meeting calendar will be posted with the City Clerk's office.

Motion was made by Jayna Andrews and seconded by Duane Winegardner to approve Judith Wilkins as Chairperson of the Committee. Vote by acclamation.

- November rate increase election discussion
- Education for citizens.
- Transcript article in today's paper – Chamber of Commerce endorsing the rate increase.
- Presentation will be made at Rotary Club tonight.
- There will be a public hearing 1 – 2 weeks before 11-12-13 election.
- There will be a public notice mailed out 10 days before the election.
- Group is being formed – ad campaign fundraiser
- Ken Komiske will go to any member organization or club to make presentation.

Ken Komiske made presentation on the November rate increase election.

- \$38 million Bond (Series 2) - \$2.8 million annual payment
- Series 1 – Pay down up front \$5.7 million with early payoff (16 years instead of 20 years)
- Frees up new bonding capacity in 16 years for north side plant
- \$5.7 million will be paid out first
- Plan is to start construction July 1st
- If vote fails projects will be put off and rate increase vote would be proposed several months later
- Fine of \$10,000 per day from ODEQ could begin July 1, 2014, if construction does not start
- Remaining sales tax – bid proceeds would be used

The Committee discussed its role in educating the public and supporting the wastewater rate vote.

- Letter to the Editor of the Transcript from WW Oversight Committee supporting question will be drafted
- Publish minutes with WW Oversight Committee approval and advised Council to use \$5.7 million upfront - will shorten payback time
- Rates are in line with proposal

Motion by James Wilbanks and seconded by Duane Winegardner for WW Oversight Committee to authorize Chair to author draft letter to the Editor on behalf of Committee. Motion passed unanimously. Chair Wilkins will get draft out to Committee members.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

- The remaining 2 Interceptor projects were discussed by Mark Daniels
 - Tecumseh – started
 - Last phase of SE Bishop – trouble with easement from Perfect Swing owners

The next scheduled meeting of the Wastewater Oversight Committee is Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 8:15 a.m. in the Council Executive Study Session Room.

There being no further discussion, motion was made by Jayna Andrews and seconded by Jim Burleson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 am.