

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS

Minutes of January 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works was held on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., in the Boardroom at 121 West Court Avenue.

In attendance:

	Steve D. Reeves, Jr.	Jerry Smith	Bill Patrick
Michael G. Monaghan	Teresa Lake	Jeff Auman	Stacia May
Henry O. Watts	Eduardo Noriega	Jeff Chapman	Chris Trainor
	Carlos Cometto	Richard Gentry	
	Jeff Meredith	George Petersen	
	Russell Holley	Wayne Bartley	

- I. Chairman Monaghan called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Commissioner Watts.
- II. Chairman Monaghan gave the statement of compliance with the notification provision of the Freedom of Information Act.
- III. Business:
 - A. Manager Reeves presented the FY 2013 budget for consideration. He reported that the proposed budget was balanced, with no requirement for a rate increase, with projected revenues of \$65,118,050, projected expenses of \$58,105,690, and debt service of \$3,508,920. Manager Reeves noted that this included the transfer to the City of Greenwood, in the amount of \$1,211,150, and capital improvements of \$2,418,560, leaving a deficit position of \$226,270. He recalled a deficit of \$2.2 million at the beginning of the process; through the efforts of staff and the Commissioners at the budget work session, \$2 million of that amount was cut, leaving a deficit of \$226,270. Manager Reeves stated that a rate increase is not required because of the financial planning of the Commissioners when a Rate Stabilization Fund was established to offset the need for rate increases when possible. He added that funds are available in the Rate Stabilization Fund to transfer into the budget numbers to offset the \$226,270, in order to net a zero-based budget. Manager Reeves recommended approval of the budget, adding that it is down 4% from last year.

A motion to approve the budget as presented was made by Commissioner Watts, and seconded by Chairman Monaghan; the motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Manager Reeves stated that based on the budget that was just approved, funds are available for a cost-of-living increase to employees, in the amount of 2%.

A motion was made by Commissioners Watts approving a 2% cost-of-living increase for employees, effective January 7, 2013; the motion was seconded by Chairman Monaghan, and unanimously approved.

- C. A motion to elect Commissioner Hancock as Chairman was made by Commissioner Watts; the motion was seconded by Chairman Monaghan, and unanimously approved.

A motion to elect Commissioner Watts as Vice Chairman was made by Chairman Monaghan; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Watts, and unanimously approved.

A motion to elect Chairman Monaghan as Secretary was made by Commissioner Watts; the motion was seconded by Chairman Monaghan, and unanimously approved.

IV. Other Business:

1. Manager Reeves reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner on January 25, at 6:00 p.m., at the Little River Baptist Center. He noted that there would be a table for eight, and asked that they let him know if they plan to attend.
2. Commissioner Watts asked about progress with gas lines, specifically plans to go as far as Derby Road. Mr. Noriega responded that gas lines would go about 1,000 feet past the county line into Abbeville, make a turn left into a neighborhood, and would definitely go in to Derby Road.

V. Executive Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Watts and seconded by Chairman Monaghan to go into *Executive Session* for contractual and legal matters; the motion was unanimously approved.

VI. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: _____, 2013

Secretary