REGULAR MEETING – KINGSTON WATER BOARD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023 KINGSTON CITY HALL

The Regular Meeting of the Kingston Water Board was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Chairman Tim Neal called the meeting to order with the following members present upon roll call: Member Philip Bredwell, Member Tony Brown, Member Randy Childs, Member Lucy Johnson, Vice-Chair Tara Stockton, Member Stephanie Wright, and Chairman Tim Neal.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion made by Member Childs, second by Member Bredwell to waive the reading and approve the minutes as written the minutes of the regular meeting on February 14, 2023.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

Citizen Comments -

- Dickey Maddox (155 Old Johnston Valley Road) addressed the Board in reference to the official notice of sewer availability. Requested the City Attorney to provide with related guidelines, TCA and associated documents related.
- Thomas Marler (167 Gallaher Road) addressed the Board in reference to the official notice of sewer availability and the costs and responsibilities associated.
- Kelly Smith (112 Bailey Road) addressed the Board in reference to the official notice of sewer
 availability related to the property of Mimosa Trailer Park. Requested the board consider the
 impact to the people living in their park and requested the board consider of a six-month waiver
 of the charges to allow park management and residents to either take action to comply or to find
 another place to reside.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

• Relinquished the floor to Utility Director Kevin Hamilton who updated the board on the approved sewer expansion projects. The West Ridgecrest project began yesterday and once this project is complete letters of official notification will be sent to affected residents. He also advised that Ward Road would be the next project followed by Oberry, Stiles and Warren Lane.

New Business: None

Board Comments -

Member Brown discussed the possibility of further discussion at the next work session related to the extending the time before being billed sewer services. Further discussion ensued about the upcoming March billing cycle and the 60-day notification. Member Brown clarified with Mrs. Smith that the Trailer Parks is serviced with two meters and not individual meters for each residence.

A motion was made by Member Brown, second by Member Childs that the board places a hold on collecting for non-sewer customers that were mailed official notices of sewer availability until July 2023.

Further discussion ensued about the inside city customers who have been charged for sewer throughout the years that are not currently connected to sewer; Utility Director Hamilton also asked for guidance on the customers who have paid for sewer connections in connection with this notification and connected to our sewer system as a result of the notification. Utility Director Hamilton advised of the process to determine whether each residence is connected to sewer. Mr. Bolling advised the Board that this was passed by Ordinance when the code was adopted in 1991 and stated that changes would have to be made by Ordinance.

Member Brown withdrew his motion.

City Manager Bolling further explained that the State Law gives the utility the option to pass an Ordinance regulating the authority to charge for sewer if it is available.

Member Brown requested we go ahead and send notices to Ward Road, Warren Lane, Stiles and Oberry road about the upcoming projects which will affect them.

Chairman Neal adjourned the meeting. 7:01pm

APPROVED

Timothy Neal, Chairman

ATTEST

City Clerk