

Prospect Heights Water Committee

Public Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Prospect Heights City Hall

City Council Room

MINUTES

Call to Order: Chairman Tibbits called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Present: Chairman Rich Tibbits, Stacey Adamson, Ralph Kendall and George Nixon. Bob Kret has resigned. A quorum was present.

Approve minutes of prior meetings: Ralph Kendall moved to approve and George Nixon seconded the March 15th meeting minutes. They were approved by unanimous voice vote. Stacey Adamson was excused from the meeting.

Overview of Water Committee Mission: was reviewed for everyone in attendance.

Reports & Communications:

City Water Rate Policy and Rate Recommendation Memo: Chairman Tibbits briefly outlined the background of the water committee rate recommendation memo and prior committee discussion. He related that an inventory of our water system infrastructure is being prepared and supposedly a precursor to the hiring of a water rate specialist to study our water rates, in spite of the fact that the water committee has been discussing this activity for over a year. Kay Michaely commented that she and other Rob Roy water customers had repeatedly asked at City Council meetings why the memo had not been discussed. Chairman Tibbits said that the memo was briefly discussed informally at one meeting, but that it was never addressed as a council agenda item and no action has ever been considered. He further pointed out that the resolution that created the water committee does not specifically authorize it to review and recommend rates to the City Council. But previous Mayors and Councils have suggested that the water committee should take on that sort of oversight. And that is how the water committee started looking into rate setting policy and procedures. To date the City still does not have a written water rate policy.

In addition Chairman Tibbits commented on and there was discussion of the proposed water rate policy that was submitted by B. Soens. Emphasis was placed on certain wording that was used. Chairman Tibbits said that he thought the words "replacement" and "improvement" could be a bit limiting and not as all encompassing as the word "preservation" would convey. Mark Parkinson commented that he recalled that given the amount of money already in the water fund, the current water rate did not take that fund into consideration as a cushion to necessary ongoing expenditures.

Grant Funding For Water Infrastructure: No report.

Committee Membership Appointments: Ralph Kendall said he did not wish to be reappointed. Kay Michaely was appointed by the Mayor but not yet approved by City Council for appointment. Mark Parkinson said he would request reappointment to the committee.

New Agenda Items Proposed By Committee Members: None

New Business: None

Public Comments or Questions: See notes above.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Ralph Kendall and seconded by George Nixon to adjourn and was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Approved by the Prospect Heights Water Committee on the_19th _of _July _2012.