

# **AGENDA**

**Public Services Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 10:15 A.M.  
Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall**

*Committee Members: Chairman Scott Styers, Neal Grimes, Jackie Jackson*

**Call to Order: Chairman Scott Styers**

**Approval of Minutes: February 3, 2015**

- 1. Trinity Sewer Maintenance Agreement - Update**
- 2. Street Ratings Discussion**
- 3. Additions/Updates**
- 4. Adjournment**

**A quorum of the council may be in attendance, and may participate in the discussion, but not vote.**

## MINUTES

Public Services Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 9:50 A.M.  
Boardroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

Present: Mayor Joe G. Bennett; and Council Members: Chairman Scott Styers; Ron Bratton; Neal Grimes; Joe Leonard; Joel Pierce; Pat Shelton; Raleigh York, Jr.; City Manager Kelly Craver; Public Services Director Morgan Huffman; Administrative Assistant Pam Galloway; Sanitation Supervisor Daryl Poole; Al Horner; and Robin Russell.

Chairman Styers called the meeting to order. Joel Pierce moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2014. Neal Grimes seconded. The minutes were approved as presented.

1. **Consideration of Recommendation**  
Termination of City of Trinity Maintenance Contract

Kelly Craver reported that this was discussed October of last year in committee where he was instructed to meet with Debbie Hinson, the City Manager of Trinity. He was to explain to her the problems we were having with Trinity's failure to move forward with taking over ORC duty as well as moving forward with any plans for maintaining their own system. Kelly met with Ms. Hinson the first week of November and had a lengthy conversation with her. She was to meet with her board that very night and told Kelly she would talk to them about this. One of the things he also provided to her was how to prepare a five-year CIP Plan to help guide her in moving forward with some plans over time. Kelly further stated that the city needs to see that they are moving forward and willing to step up since they have an ORC on staff and, show us that they are making plans for the future to move forward at some point in time to maintain their own system. Kelly said he spent about two hours with her and some time with her staff; he has yet to receive an answer in any way or any communication whatsoever from her office.

Group discussion.

Staff is asking that Council take the action to give Trinity the 180-day notice of termination of contract. This action would require a vote in open session by Council because Council approved the contract that was executed.

Staff is open-minded to the fact that that if we issue this 180-day notice and it gets their attention, and they move forward to potentially reconsider a contract; once again it would require Council approval.

Committee moved this to briefing.

2. **Consideration of Outside Sewer Request**  
Proposed Subdivision – Kennedy Road/Tower Road

Kelly Craver stated that Robin Russell had visited his office about a year ago concerning an outside sewer request for a property sandwiched between Kennedy Road and Tower Road. Kelly referenced a map as he said the closest sewer is in front of the 109 S Fire Station. At the time of Mr. Russell's visit, the city was still renovating the East Davidson Pump Station where sewer from this project would be pumped. Kelly did not feel the state would allow us any additional discharge into that pump station due to the fact that the renovations had not been completed. We had until the end of October to complete that project and it did complete on time. Mr. Russell came back a few weeks ago to discuss the project. This area is outside our corporate limits. The first part of the project is consideration, approval and acceptance of the sewer for this project which calls for an outside sewer agreement with voluntary annexation.

Mr. Russell was introduced along with Mr. Al Horner to describe the project. Mr. Russell said he was representing Mike Tuttle as well in regards to the project.

The proposed development is an area of 40+ acres. There are some perk spots (maybe 10) but not a sufficient amount to develop. In order to maximize the investment, sewer service by the city is necessary. Their plans are to run by gravity approximately 2500 to 3000 feet of sewer line to get into the city system. They are proposing one entrance/exit to the development on Tower Road across from Woodscape. The development will be rather upscale with homes starting at \$200,000 + according to Mr. Russell.

The service, if provided, would be at 2 ¼ times the inside city sewer rate. Water service would be provided by Davidson Water. Should any future Council exercise the annexation agreement it would apply to the whole development.

Mr. Horner said the watershed is an issue they will have to look into since the area is split between two. He said they will address that with the county. He also said the property has not even been surveyed yet. The first step in the process is to see if Council would be receptive to the proposed development.

The developer would foot the bill for the installation of water and sewer lines and install the taps to the approximately seventy homes. The city would be responsible for maintenance of the sewer lines from where they connect to the tap on each lot, and there may be a need for a pump station. The city will also need to execute a third party agreement with NCDOT to say we will take the lines over once they are installed. Kelly added, for information, that the sewer line around the fire station is embedded in rock.

Councilman Pierce made a motion to approve the request for outside sewer service with voluntary annexation. Councilman Grimes seconded the motion, sending the request to briefing.

### 3. Project Updates

North Hamby Creek Outfall Project – Should be finishing up this month.

Clearwell Roof Replacement Project – Is underway, it started about two weeks ago.

4. **Additions**

Grease Traps – There are a number of restaurants that are hooked to a common collector line. All of these grease traps are too small and non-compliant with the regulations. This falls under our waste water pre-treatment program. We have had some grease stops a few times along the way. What we have told these restaurants is that they are under-sized, we understand that, just maintain your system. Just recently we had a sewer stop that was nothing but grease completely to the top of the manhole. We sent letters to the restaurants on this line and told them their maintenance is not working and they must comply; get the grease traps sized properly and get them installed with ninety days.

A few Council members had heard from some of the restaurants regarding the situation.

5. **Adjournment**

With no further business to come before committee, the meeting was adjourned.

## **Galloway, Pamela M.**

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**From:** Craver, Kelly  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2015 1:22 PM  
**To:** Galloway, Pamela M.  
**Subject:** FW: trinity

Back up for Public Services....Trinity item

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**From:** Huffman, Morgan  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2015 12:51 PM  
**To:** Craver, Kelly  
**Subject:** RE: trinity

Kelly,

Taking into consideration the interactions and responses we have received from Trinity regarding transitioning responsibility for Trinity's sanitary sewer collection system to the City of Trinity I would have to say that a drop dead date of July 1, 2015 for Trinity's own staff to take over the responsibility of Operator in Responsible Charge (ORC) duties is a good starting point. Though not technically a budgetary issue, Trinity's City Manager indicated that having staff take over ORC duties would be handled in the budget beginning July 1, 2015.

Trinity has also signed the paperwork to take financial responsibility for the Mission Control SCADA used at their pump stations effective August 25, 2015 and had previously accepted responsibility for backup power generator maintenance at the lift stations.

Trinity currently has the staff and equipment to handle in-house the same day-to-day collection system responsibilities that Thomasville has been performing.

History has shown that a majority of Trinity's sanitary sewer lines are deeper than those located in Thomasville and this has posed a little bit of a challenge, but also a solution. In these instances Thomasville staff have contacted independent contractors to obtain bids for the work that needs to be done. After spending time obtaining quotes from contractors and submitting a price for the work to Trinity's staff the normal response from Trinity has been that they will have their own independent contractor do the work. So while there has been some frustration on the part of our staff it has also become clear that Trinity has the contacts and resources to have new sewer taps and repairs done by their own contractors at a price apparently lower than what we can offer.

I think it would be reasonable to say that as of July 1, 2015 Trinity would be fully responsible for ORC duties, SCADA monitoring, generator maintenance, daily/weekly pump station visitation, and all minor pump station maintenance. The City of Thomasville could still offer on a contract as-needed basis those repairs and installation of new taps for which Thomasville is equipped to perform through July 1, 2016, but experience is proving that private contractors are better able to serve Trinity's needs than the City of Thomasville is due to the depth of most of Trinity's lines and the need to bore all new long-side taps.

Morgan Huffman  
Public Services Director