

**ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOVEMBER 3, 2014**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Robert Lindsey, Carol Huff, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts, City Attorney, John Hargis and his associate Bryan Rudisill.

PLEDGE: The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Robert made a motion to approve the minutes of our previous meeting dated October 7th; Harold seconded the motion. Robert and Harold were in favor and the minutes were approved. Carol abstained from voting.

WASTEWATER REPORT: Sherry Roeder gave the wastewater report (see attached report).

N 7th STREET DRAINAGE DITCH: We had previously approved a bid from Snyder to run a 36" line for the N Seventh Street drainage ditch. Snyder was going to go under the existing pipe and it was decided this might be a problem with the elevation level. We found a company, Infastructure Systems, which would bore through the existing pipe. The quote for a 24" pipe is \$26,500 and a 30" pipe is \$31,500. This is cheaper than the original bid from Snyder. Carol made a motion to use Infastructure Systems; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP: City attorney, John Hargis, said he received a phone call from the property owner at **720 Jefferson St.** He states that he is getting bids to have the property demolished and is looking for an extension until December 8th. Robert made a motion to allow the property owner to have until December 8th to present a letter from a reputable contractor stating they will demolish the house located at 720 Jefferson St; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. **319 S Eighth Street:** Phil Brown, building inspector, received a letter from FSPI Employee Profit Sharing Plan 401(k) regarding the property located at 319 S Eighth Street. They agree that this property should be demolished. They requested a list of contractors they could contact to demolish the property. It was suggested that they contact the Chamber of Commerce for this information. Since this is the scheduled hearing for this property, John Hargis submitted the notice that Phil Brown sent to them, for the record. Carol made a motion to allow the property owner until December 8th to provide the board with a progress report; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. **707 Main and 111 N Greenwood:** these properties still need to be mowed. The property owner was notified to appear at tonight's meeting but is not present. The board agreed to get someone to mow it and place a lien on the property. **710 Seminary St:** John Hargis reported to the board that the IRS would not voluntarily release their lien on this property. Our only recourse for this would be to file suit and join the IRS as a party against Mia Brooks. Hopefully, by the time it was foreclosed on, the IRS would default and the city would acquire the property. It was decided to hire someone to clean up this property and place a lien on it. **210 S Third St:** trash piled up in the back of a pickup truck and the neighbors are complaining. It was decided to have our attorney send them a letter. **City water wells:** it was brought up to the board that we might want to clean up our property around the water wells. This property is along Hwy 66 between St.

Bernard's cemetery and Hooples and is overgrown. We will get quotes from contractors to see what this will cost.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Chief Meredith introduced Tim Coomer to the board. He would like to get permission to allow utility vehicles to be driven on city streets. It was suggested that we might be able to amend our golf cart ordinance. City attorney, John Hargis, stated that the council would have to amend the ordinance and it should be put on the agenda.

Also, Chief Meredith stated that the police department would be doing a food drive to help the Christian Resource Center add to their food pantry. He was asking for permission to use the truck for this event. Carol made a motion to allow the police department to use the police truck to pick up food for the food drive; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Board member, Robert Lindsey, stated that he was approached about no sidewalk at 536 Elm Street. He requested that we follow up on this.

John Hargis stated, for the record, that the property owner of 707 Main and 111 N Greenwood did not appear at the meeting.

ADJUSTMENTS: Adjustments were approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Carol made a motion to adjourn; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.