

**ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**AUGUST 5, 2014**

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

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

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Robert made a motion to approve both the minutes of our regular meeting and the special meeting on July 1<sup>st</sup>; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

**WASTEWATER REPORT:** Sherry Roeder gave the wastewater report (see attached report). Sherry also addressed problems she is having with a culvert on North Seventh Street. She is currently getting quotes for a new culvert.

**SPIRITUAL OF ROCKPORT FIRE CRACKERS:** Jennifer Wade and Dorothy Childers came before the board to seek permission to set off fire crackers at the annual “Spirit of Rockport”. This event will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 6–10 pm each evening and would encompass an area from Fifth St, Elm St, Second St and Seminary St. There would only be a few discharged during each tour-for sound effects. Also, they are seeking permission to allow golf carts to transport handicap people along the route. They have also requested permission to use the Schoenfield lot, along with electricity, to set up vendor booths. Carol made a motion to approve all requests for the “Spirit of Rockport”; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**PROPERTY CLEAN-UP:** The following properties need cleaned up and/or mowed: **340 S Lincoln**-needs cleaned up and mowed; **620 Williamson**-grass has been mowed but they piled everything up in the back yard-Harold will try to contact the owner and ask them to clean it up; **Parsley’s trailer park**-we have contacted the State inspector and asked them to inspect this property; **338 S 6<sup>th</sup>**-this is owned by Bank of America and they have been notified; **335 S 6<sup>th</sup>**-Carol made a motion for John to send a clean up letter to the owner; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. **720 Jefferson**-an adjoining neighbor appeared before the board asking for help in getting this property cleaned up. They are interested in purchasing the property but are not having any luck in finding the owner. City attorney, John Hargis, told us that he had met with the building inspector, Phil Brown and Mayor Goffinet regarding this property. Phil inspected the property and felt it was unsafe and needed to be condemned. After Phil completes his report he will issue a notice and an order to the owner. They have a right to a hearing. If they fail to appear the city can go in and demolish the structure, if the city wants to incur the cost. We could put a lien on the property for the expenses. **710 Seminary**-Mayor Goffinet stated that he is trying to get information regarding the tax lien on this property. We will have Phil inspect this once we determine if the tax liens have been released. **319 S Eighth St**-this is another property that we will need to have Phil inspect. Also, we will need to keep an eye on the following properties: **707 Main St, 411 Elm, 722 Vine** (back yard).

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Chief Meredith came before the board to inform them we are now an official site for inkless fingerprinting. They have had a good response so far.

**ADJUSTMENTS:** Adjustments were approved.

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