

**ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DECEMBER 1, 2015 5:00 PM**

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Robert Lindsey, Connie Hargis, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney 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; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

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

**APPROVE AT&T PERMIT:** AT&T is requesting permission to cut the sidewalk at 559 Main Street to bury a cable. Robert made a motion to allow AT&T to do this work, subject to them restoring the sidewalk; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

**PROPERTY INSPECTIONS:** City attorney, Bryan Rudisill, was in contact with our building inspector, Don Winkler, regarding the property inspections. Bryan stated that he prepared new forms and they will go out in the mail. Two of them will require hearings and they will be at our next month's meeting.

**PROPERTY CLEAN UP:** The property on Second street has taken care of itself due to the weather. The Third Street property is looking better also.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Our attorney stated that he sent a letter out, for property clean up on Washington St, to the owner and has not heard back from them. It was decided that we would file a lien on this property.

**NEW BUSINESS/TREE LIMB AT THE WEST END OF MAIN ST:** Mayor Goffinet mentioned that there is a tree, with a dead limb, in the easement at the west end of Main Street (between 807 and 817 Main). He said he could call K & K to remove the limb if the board approves it. Robert made a motion to remove the tree limb; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

Chief Meredith appeared before the Board to request the start of a **Merit Commission**. Robert made a motion to take this to the council for further review; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved. Chief Meredith also requested to **sell his vacation** so he would not create a hardship to the department. The board felt he should go ahead and take his vacation based on our current policy. The Clerk-Treasurer asked for clarification to the police department's SOP vacation policy. It currently states that after five years of service they get 15 days vacation. They are taking 15 twelve-hour days, which would be the equivalent of 180 hours per year. The remainder of the city gets 15 eight-hour days – for 120 hours. She is requesting that it states the total hours, and not the days, to avoid any confusion in the future.

**SEWER ADJUSTMENTS:** Adjustments were signed.

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