

Meeting Minutes
Goodlettsville Hearing Authority

Thursday, March 25, 2010

4:00 p.m.

Massie Chambers

Call to Order

James Haage called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present – James Haage, Gary Manning, Johnny Childers

Members Absent – none

City Staff Present – Jim Thomas, Jack Tompkins, Amy Murray

Others Present – none

New Business

Consider a request from Tyson Fresh Meats, Inc. for an exception to the City's Sewer Use Ordinance, Section §18-204(1).

James Haage stated that he was an employee of Tyson Fresh Meats and therefore he would abstain from voting on this issue. Jack Tompkins stated that Tyson has a permit to discharge industrial waste into Goodlettsville's sanitary sewer system. The permit is issued under federal and state guidelines to limit the amounts of various wastes Tyson is allowed to discharge into the City's sewer system. The wastewater flow from Tyson enters Goodlettsville's sanitary sewer system then flows on into Metro Nashville's Dry Creek Treatment Plant. There are a number of parameters that are monitored and limited within the ordinance. As part of Tyson's permit renewal process, they are requesting the limit on BOD (biochemical oxygen demand) be increased from 300 milligrams per liter to 400 mg/liter. In an attempt to conserve water, higher concentrations of BOD are present due to Tyson's reduction in water usage, therefore, there is less water to dilute the discharge. The City's Sewer Use Ordinance provides a methodology that the applicant can use to request an increase based on the conservation of water. City staff is not authorized to approve this change, however, the Goodlettsville Hearing Authority is. Tyson is requesting to change the BOD limits to 400 mg/liter as a flow proportional concentration that is measured over a 24-hour period with an automatic sampler. The limit for a grab sample then doubles which would make the maximum concentration go from 600 mg/liter to 800 mg/liter. City staff feels Tyson has met the criteria contained in the ordinance for an exception to the BOD limit. City staff has also checked with the head of Metro's Industrial Pre-Treatment section and he is also in agreement with approving the increase and has no problems or issues with Goodlettsville taking this action.

Gary Manning asked if there were any Federal ramifications with this proposed increase. Jack Tompkins stated the pre-treatment program is a federally regulated program but the authorization to modify the limits falls upon the City. Johnny Childers inquired if this increase resulted in any additional cost to the City. Jack Tompkins replied there is no cost to the City for this increase to the BOD levels. Should the City be charged by Metro for this increase in BOD levels, the Sewer Use Ordinance provides a stipulation the City is allowed to pass those costs onto Tyson. Jim Thomas inquired about Tyson's ability to effectively measure effluent. Jack Tompkins stated Tyson samples on a monthly basis and submits those results to the City. As part of the permit program, the City also samples as a check and balance on a regular basis. A State-certified lab conducts testing on the submitted samples.

After no further discussion, Gary Manning motioned to approve the change and Johnny Childers seconded the motion. Jim Thomas asked if there were any additional comments or

questions. There were none. Johnny Childers voted aye, Gary Manning voted aye, and James Haage abstained. The motion passed.

Old Business

James Haage asked if anyone had changes or comments to the board’s last meeting minutes and there were none. Gary Manning moved to accept the December 10, 2007, meeting minutes and Johnny Childers seconded. James Haage called for a vote and each member voted in favor of accepting the minutes as presented.

Gary Manning stated that he everyone’s support in adjusting the meeting time to better accommodate his current work schedule.

Jim Thomas mentioned there were two waste water infrastructure projects currently underway within the City. First was the sewer rehabilitation project and second was the equalization basin installation at the Mansker Creek Pump Station. Combined, both have a value of 13.5 million dollars and the City received 5 million dollars in principal forgiveness from the stimulus package.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

There being no further business, Gary Manning made a motion to adjourn and Johnny Childers seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by: Amy Murray, Recording Secretary

James Haage, Chairman

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