

Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission
August 18, 2025
Minutes

The Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission held its monthly meeting at 4:00 PM, August 18, 2025, at the Rogers Water Utilities Administration Building located at 601 S 2nd Street.

Present were Commissioners Paige Sultemeier, Travis Greene, Kathy McClure, Jene' Huffman-Gilreath and Chairman Jerry Carmichael. Rogers Water Utilities staff present were Jered Sigmon, Johnny Lunsford, Brandon Carnahan, Aaron Short, Jennifer Hoffman, Todd Beaver, Brian Sartain, David Ingram, Debbie Putman and Brent Dobler. Robert Frazier from the Frazier Law Firm and Chris Buntin from HDR were also in attendance.

Chairman Carmichael called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Carmichael then called for action on the minutes from the July 21, 2025, Water and Sewer Commission meeting. Commissioner McClure made a motion to approve the July 21, 2025, minutes. Commissioner Sultemeier seconded. All in favor, minutes were approved.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Jered Sigmon to present the financial reports. Billed revenue in the Water department for July 2025 was up 0.3% from July 2024 at \$1,871,895. Water consumption was down 8.1% at 327,571,507 gallons. The Water department reported a net income of \$468,894 for July 2025 and YTD income of \$468,894. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 8%. Water revenues are 8% of budget and expenses are 9% of budget. Capital spend is 5%.

The Sewer department billed revenue for the month of July 2025 is up 16.8% from July 2024 at \$1,827,223. Sewer consumption was up 2.5% at 203,489,802 gallons. The Sewer department reported a net income of \$606,079 and a YTD income of \$606,079. The percentage of Fiscal Year Passed is 8%. Sewer revenues are at 8% of budget and expenses are at 8% of budget. Capital spend is 2%.

Unrestricted cash reserves for July 2025 in Water are \$27,295,863 and in Sewer are \$25,640,885. Restricted funds in Water are \$3,076,368 and in Sewer are \$1,731,834. Total restricted and unrestricted cash reserves are \$57,744,950. This is an increase of \$7,670,673 from July 2024. The 12-month rolling average for lost water is 7%.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present the Engineering Reports. Brian went over the Development Plan Review list and specifically mentioned the RWU Field Ops Facility project, Chestnut Street waterline improvements and that the 2025 sewer smoke testing project had been completed. He then went over the progress of the RPCF Solids Handling Facilities, Ph II project and showed photos of the future dryer components already on site. He then gave the Commission a brief overview of the proposed RWU Field Operations Facility site plan to be located on Oak Street, directly south and across the street from the existing Animal Control Facility.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Todd Beaver to present the Rogers Pollution Control Facility reports. Todd went over the DMR's, noting that there were no issues. He then briefly discussed the Industrial Pretreatment Activities, and the FOG program. He went over in detail how the Solids Handling Project completion date has been moved up due to the electrical gear being delivered much sooner than originally expected. He elaborated on the VFD failures on

Centrifuge 1 and how the team kept the pumps operating. The plant treated 344.6 MG in July, treating approximately 65 MG of I&I. The average daily flow for the month was 11.1 MGD. These flows included 6.28" of rain over 6 events. The historical average rainfall for July is 4.17".

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brandon Carnahan. Brandon introduced himself and then began to describe how RWU is addressing an odor issue originating from the Garrett Road Lift Station. He went over how we utilize instruments such as Odaloggers to collect hydrogen sulfide odor data from collection system manholes. Once we have this data, we have several strategies we use to try to remedy any issues. At the Garrett Rd Lift Station for instance, RWU has installed a smaller jockey pump to maintain flow in the force main. This solution has shown a 50% reduction in hydrogen sulfide production, but we still have odors to address. He went over some of the possible solutions and mentioned that RWU always begins with the lower cost solutions and then, if required, proceeds to the more expensive solutions to stay cost effective while keeping the public odors to a minimum.

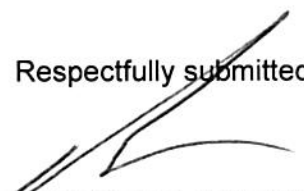
Chairman Carmichael then recognized Brian Sartain to present the bid results for the Chestnut Street Waterline Improvements. Brian explained that RWU only received one bid for this project, and it was in the amount of \$689,867.73. The engineer's estimate was \$609,035.00. Brian stated that staff recommend rejecting the bid from Garrett X while we investigate other options. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to reject the bid from Garrett X, seconded by Commissioner Greene. All in favor, motion passed.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Johnny Lunsford to present RESOLUTION 25-28 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Johnny informed the Commission that due to this type of vehicle (2025 Ram Promaster 2500 High Roof Cargo Van) not being on the State bid, we located the vehicle at a local dealer at an advantageous price. This vehicle will be used as a leak detection van to replace the old equipment. This is a budgeted item. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 25-28 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLE; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, Resolution 25-28 passed.

Chairman Carmichael then recognized Johnny Lunsford to present RESOLUTION 25-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. Johnny informed the Commission that RWU utilizes only Proteus cctv equipment, this Minicam Proteus Lite System is compatible with cctv equipment already in use at RWU. This equipment will be used to inspect sewer collection system piping. This is a budgeted item. Commissioner Huffman-Gilreath made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 25-29 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, seconded by Commissioner McClure. All in favor, Resolution 25-29 passed.

With no further business, Chairman Carmichael called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McClure made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Sulzemeier. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Brent Dobler, Acting Secretary
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