

TOWN OF BOWLING GREEN
TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES

2-10-15

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor David Storke, Jean Davis, Jason Satterwhite, Otis Wright, Matt Rowe, Daniel Webb, and Mary Frances Coleman.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Mayor Glenn McDearmon.

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Stephen Manster, Town Attorney Andrea Erard, and Account Clerk Melissa Lewis

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

TOWN/COUNTY SEWER AGREEMENT – Mr. Manster summarized for Council the original terms of the agreement made between the Town and County on April 11, 2000 and the subsequent amendments made on April 24, 2001 and June 8, 2004. He informed Council, that at its recent meeting, the White Meadows Sewer Project Management Team discussed whether the Agreement applies to that project as the Agreement was made in preparation for the development of the Brookewood Subdivision which is no longer in the works. He suggested that due to development in the Town in the years since the Agreement was made, there has been a Changed Condition which necessitates that an adjustment should be made to the Town/County Sewer Agreement. A discussion ensued regarding the history of the County's need for service from the Town's sewer system and how the original Agreement came about.

Mr. Manster told Council that the dollar amount the County paid the Town to send sewage to the Town's sewer system as determined in the Agreement was based on dollar values from the year 2000, and that now fifteen years later the amount does not cover the actual cost of maintaining the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Webb stated that County residents not having to pay availability fees and only being responsible for bi-monthly usage bills does not cover infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate the additional capacity due to the extra waste generated from the additional houses hooking on to the sewer system.

In direct response to Mr. Wright's question, Mr. Manster stated that the White Meadows Subdivision Sewer study was expected to be completed in the next two weeks and hard numbers for the project would be returned at that time. The Mayor asked if in the Town Manger's opinion the Town will receive a grant for the full amount of the project cost. Mr. Manster said that he did not believe that the Town would receive enough grant money to cover the cost of the project. Mr. Satterwhite asked who would be responsible for the difference in cost. A discussion was held. Mr. Manster noted that in order to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds, the short fall would have to be covered by some agency or organization.

Mr. Satterwhite asked the Town Attorney if the Town had any legal standing to ask the County to renegotiate the terms of the Agreement. Ms. Erard said that the Town could approach the County stating that the Agreement is outdated and suggest that the Town and County partner to explore a new agreement. She added that the County does not have to renegotiate and that the Town signed the Agreement accepting the terms. The Mayor suggested that two or three Council members meet with two Board of Supervisor members to discuss the Agreement. Council agreed that Mr. Satterwhite, Mr. Webb, and Mr. McDearmon should represent Council in the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: **There was a motion made by Mr. Webb, seconded by Mr. Rowe to adjourn at 7:32 P.M. Voting Aye: Satterwhite, Wright, Davis, Rowe, Webb and Coleman.**