

**MINUTES
UTILITY BOARD MEETING**

February 4, 2008

The Meeting of the Monteagle Utility Board was called to order promptly at 5:00 PM by Mayor Charles Rollins.

**Present: Charles Rollins
Dean Lay
Lexie Orr
Marvin Brannon**

Absent: Bud Knott

Public Utilities Director, Mr. Jim Boynton, was asked for an up-date on our current water reserves as well as daily usage.

Mr. Boynton reported that our average daily usage was approximately 249,000 GPD. We have not been pumping for several weeks from either the Sand Cut or Lake Louisa. With the rainfall we have had both Laurel Lake and Lake Louisa are showing positive levels of recovery. We got 2.12 inches of rain in January and that was on target with the approximately 12 inches NOAA predicts. So far in the month of February we have received .74 inches.

All Water Hydrants are currently being flushed in town starting with dead end lines. All will be done during our rainy period to take advantage of a full reservoir.

He advised that a letter from the Tracy City Water Department had been mailed advising Monteagle that due to their own water problems, Tracy would no longer be supplying any water to Monteagle until their own reservoir was replenished. We have not as yet received a copy of this letter.

Mr. Boynton was asked to check into the amount of water being supplied by Tracy City on a daily basis, and confirm the rates at which we were being charged, and if the amount of water received by the City

of Monteagle as well as the rates being charged were in accordance with our current contract.

Mr. Boynton “thanked” Alderman Bud Knott for assisting in the removal of the Irrigation Pipe at the Sand Cut, and also “thanked” Marion County for the use of their Trustees in completing this project.

Motion was made by Dean Lay, seconded by Marvin Brannon, that a letter be sent to Clifftops outlining water usage and Drought Management planning. Passed 4-0.

Mr. Boynton is continuing to up-date the Job Description of our Water Plant Operator. A draft will be submitted to the City Council for their review and approval.

There are several wells in the Monteagle area that could and should be checked for available water as well as quality of water. Mr. Boynton will follow-up on this issue and report his finds to the City Council.

Alderman Lay asked for a workshop to meet with a Consultant, Mr. Larry Kidwell, to discuss Bonds and any indebtedness on the part of the City of Monteagle. A time for this workshop was not decided on.

Discussion on how to best distribute the Bottled Water the City had received as a gift from the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Mr. Boynton and several City Employees will work on a plan for distribution.

Mr. Boynton demonstrated a “Water Saver” Kit that will be made available to all water customers. The Kit will be available at City Hall for an approximate cost of \$35.00. (Cost to the City) This charge can be added to your water bill over several months time if that is more convenient than an outright purchase. The water customer will be responsible for the installation.

Mayor Rollins reported that as the result of recent rains, water is running over the spillway at Laurel Lake. He would like to “lift” the Moratorium temporarily. He explained the Guidelines he would like to see put into effect, and the categories that would qualify for relief. He recommended the following Guidelines:

Category “A” – *(For immediate issuance of a water tap) Those individuals/property owners who had previously applied and paid for a water tap prior to the moratorium. This would include existing homes, homes currently under construction who had already obtained a construction tap, and homes in developments currently under construction, and any individuals with special needs.*

Category “B” – *(Based on the availability of water as the result of current rainfall and reservoir capacity.) To be determined by the Monteagle City Council.*

Category “C” – *(New Projects and Developments) All new projects not yet reviewed and/or approved by the Monteagle Planning Commission.*

General Notes

- *This Temporary Policy will be reviewed every 30 days and may, or may not be continued based on current rainfall and water reserves.*
- *All other restrictions in effect during the current moratorium will remain in effect.*

Following a lengthy discussion on the current moratorium on new water customers, Alderman Lay made a motion to lift the moratorium for a period of 30 days for all existing structures or locations that have applied and paid for a water tap prior to the moratorium, and on homes that are currently under construction that have applied and paid for a construction tap, and on homes in developments that have been approved by the Monteagle Planning Commission if the home is currently under construction, but no taps will be permitted for vacant lots in these developments and that this grace period will expire on March 4, 2008, unless extended by a vote of the Monteagle City Council, and that all new homes must have water saving devices on all faucets and must use water saving commodes in all bathrooms. Motion was seconded by Alderman Orr. Passed 4-0.

The next scheduled meeting of the Monteagle Utility Board will be Monday, February 11th at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Alexander Orr
Acting Secretary**

Cc; Motion

FOLLOWING ARE THE GUIDELINES FOR A TEMPORARY POLICY FOR ALLOWING WATER TAPS AS PASSED BY THE MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 4, 2008.

THIS TEMPORARY POLICY WILL BE REVIEWED EVERY 30 DAYS AND MAY OR MAY NOT BE CONTINUED BASED ON CURRENT RAINFALL AND WATER RESERVES.

GUIDELINES

CATEGORY "A": (FOR IMMEDIATE ISSUANCE OF WATER TAP)

THOSE INDIVIDUALS/PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY APPLIED AND PAID FOR A WATER TAP PRIOR TO THE MORATORIUM. THIS WOULD INCLUDE EXISTING HOMES, HOMES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION WHO HAD ALREADY OBTAINED A WATER TAP, AND HOMES IN DEVELOPMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, ANY INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

CATEGORY "B": (BASED ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WATER AS THE RESULT OF CURRENT RAINFALL AND RESEVOIR CAPACITY. TO BE DETERMINED BY THE MONTEAGLE CITY COUNCIL:

CATEGORY "C": (NEW PROJECTS/DEVELOPMENTS) ALL NEW PROJECTS NOT YET REVIEWED AND/OR APPROVED BY THE MONTEAGLE PLANNING COMMISSION.

GENERAL NOTES:

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