

**AUGUST 19, 2013
CITY OF SENOIA
COUNCIL WORKSESSION
WATER/SEWER DISCUSSION
505 HOWARD ROAD
3:00 PM**

VISITORS: Don Rehman

PRESENT: Attorney Whalen, Mayor Belisle, Councilmen Fisher, Graham & Owens, Richard Ferry, City Engineer Ben Turnipseed, Shon Adams and Debby Volk

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME VISITORS

Mayor Belisle called the work session to order and welcomed all. Mayor Belisle declared this to be an open meeting duly convened under the Open Meetings law after receiving confirmation from the City Clerk that all legal requirements have been met.

2. PURPOSE OF WORKSESSION

- Water/Sewer Discussion

Mr. Ferry began by stating that the work session will be an open discussion on various subjects in order to seek direction from G. Ben Turnipseed Engineers. With current production max at 300,000 gpd, alternatives were sought to increase production at the plant to include upgrades to the WTP and approaching Fayette County about the possibility of purchasing raw water to include laying 7,000 feet of new line from Lake McIntosh. Purchasing raw water would be cheaper than another option of purchasing treated water from Coweta. Regarding Coweta, the City needs to check to see if there is an agreement in effect and the City needs to stay connected to Coweta for if nothing else, emergency services. Either of the purchases mentioned would be far less than plant expansion. The option is also out there to sell the water system. Richard and Shon met with GRWA regarding "suck-out" dredging of the lake for \$147,000 and another estimate will be received in a few weeks from Aquatic Solutions. Once the proposed water tank is on line at Howard Road, it will be more than sufficient to service the present area and the planned development on Hwy. 16.

The Sewer has a limited service area and Mr. Turnipseed will have to compare costs of new interceptor lines to lift stations and thoughts should be given to an additional land application site. A previous approval for waste load allocation into Line Creek has expired and the City will have to reply. Mr. Turnipseed does not anticipate a problem with this and suggested whatever direction the City decides to take we should do as much at one time as possible while interest rates are still low. The City needs to determine our needs in 5-10 years and use

these projections to come up with a cost for improvements. Mr. Turnipseed feels the largest expense will be the analysis of Hutchins Lake & the permitting from EPD. Mayor Belisle asked what a study of the systems will cost & was given an estimate of \$25,000 excluding permitting. Council is in agreement that G. Ben Turnipseed begins the study on Hutchins Lake, future projections as well as options for refinancing our current debt to acquire the funds for upgrades.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K. Belisle, Mayor

Debra J. Volk, City Clerk