
Minutes

Town Commission

Special Called Meeting

Tuesday • February 04, 2014 • 6:00 pm

1. **Call to Order: 6:00 pm**

2. **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag**

3. **Roll Call**

Commissioners Attending:

- Joseph Aufmuth Present
- Michael Berkowitz Present
- Virginia Mance, Mayor Pro-Tem Present
- Richard Shutterly, Mayor Present
- Jason “Tug” Huddleston Present

- Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator Present
- Stephen Lee, Town Attorney Present

4. **Consent Agenda:**

A. Agenda Approval

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Huddleston) to approve the agenda as submitted; passed 5-0

5. **Well Inspection and Potential Repair Cost on Pump #1:**

A. Bryant’s Pump Service and Well Drilling

B. Myers Brothers, Inc.

C. Earl’s Well Drilling & Pump Service, Inc.

Town Administrator, Debbie Gonano, and Public Works Manager, David Holton, presented.

David Holton stated that pump #1, which should be pumping 400 gallons/minute, when turned on starts off pumping about 200 gallons per minute and has been dropping to about 78 gallons/minute. We called for three different estimates, and it is the consensus of vendors responding that until we pull the pump out of the well, we will not know what repairs are needed. Pump #1 is our primary pump which will run off the generator if we have an electrical outage. We have a second pump, if we have electricity; it will work but not as efficiently as pump #1 normally works. Town Administrator Gonano discussed the different bids:

- Bryant’s Pump Service and Well Drilling, came out the same day that we called them, it is hard to get an estimate if you don’t know what the pump looks like, as it is down the well. Bryant’s (who did a \$33,000 job for McIntosh) may have used a worst case scenario with a bid of \$35,000, of which \$1,000 is to pull the pump from the well.
- Myers Brothers, Inc., is familiar with the pump, as they have been hired for service by the Town previously, pulled the pump in the past, and did extensive work in 2005 in the amount of \$25,500. Unfortunately, staff has found Myers Brothers difficult to deal with, as we had difficulty getting an estimate from them. Their estimate is \$850 to pull the pump from the well.
- Earl’s Well Drilling & Pump Service, Inc., was recommended by a previous customer from Citrus County who called for a reference verification of Bryant’s Pump Service. She said that well business is very territorial and the vendors don’t want to cross County lines. She did give Earl’s Well Drilling an excellent recommendation. Their estimate is \$1,800 to pull the pump from the well.

Discussion ensued.

It is the Commission's decision to choose a company to pull the pump.

Mayor Shutterly does not have Bryant's bid in his packet. Ms. Gonano did not include their estimate as it was a simple email which she emailed to everyone (\$1000 to pull the pump and \$35,000 worst case scenario). We don't know if there is something wrong with the gears below, or if the well is low on water, or if the well is not deep enough. David Holton related that he had talked to Earl's yesterday, and their experience is that if you are low on water you can hear the pump cavitating or hear if it's sucking air; usually if it's running out of water you can hear it. Commissioner Mance discussed if we know the last time we had work done on pump #1? Myer's Brothers, Inc. did major work in 2005 repairing the well and replacing the turbine pump. Commissioner Mance would have liked a quote in writing from Bryant's Pump Service. Mayor Shutterly stated that we had a motor repaired and rewound in 2011. Commissioner Huddleston inquired if Myers would share the data on our well. David Holton tried to get relevant information from Myers regarding our well and pump, but they stated that they do not keep the information on file. Ms. Gonano had a very hard time getting a quote from Myers.

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Mance) to have Earl's Well Drilling & Pump Service, Inc., pull the pump from the well for \$1,800, and then we'll see what has to be done; passed 3-2 (Shutterly and Huddleston opposed)

Mayor Shutterly stated that he, personally, had received professional service from Myers Brothers in the past. He also stated that Myers Brothers have the necessary equipment, and he doesn't see the need to pay twice as much to have the pump pulled out. Commissioner Aufmuth doesn't like the idea of going with the cheapest quote from a company who has given the Town staff bad customer service. Ms. Gonano stated that she had dealt with Bryant's Pump in McIntosh and they were very pleasant to deal with and answered the call quickly. Myers Brothers may have been acting territorial with the pump information; but Town Administrator Gonano believes that any of the companies would probably do a fine job. David Holton doesn't have a preference on any of the companies; Myers may have been taking longer to give a quote due to putting together a more extensive quote because they have more information than the other vendors.

Mayor Shutterly stated that we will have a meeting when the pump is out and quotes should be received on the work that will need to be done. Commissioner Aufmuth would like to hold off on the new maintenance building until we know how much the well repair will cost. Commissioner Mance would like to revisit the costs associated with the planned new building also. Commissioner Huddleston would like the pump pulled before our next regular meeting and hopefully have some quotes to compare. Then, we can move forward when we know how much the pump repair will cost. Mayor Shutterly inquired about the generator and wanted to know if it will run both water pumps. David Holton stated that when the generator is hooked up it will run both pumps. No one knows the age of pump #1, as staff was unable to locate the records in the office.

6. Adjourn - 6:20PM

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ As amended at Town Commission Meeting _____

Richard Shutterly, Mayor

Patty S Polk, Recorder