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## WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

June 15, 2015, 10:00 A.M.

City Hall, 601 Broad Street, Sam King Room

### PRESENT:

Ms. Wendy Davis, Chairperson  
Mr. Buzz Wachsteter, Commissioner  
Mr. Bill Irmscher, Commissioner  
Mr. Sammy Rich, City Manager  
Mr. Kirk Milam, Public Services Manager  
Ms. Sheree Shore, Finance Director  
Mr. Leigh Ross, Water and Sewer Division Director  
Mr. Mike Hackett, Assistant Water and Sewer Division  
Ms. Cathy Sims, Water Billing Office Director  
Mr. Eric Lindberg, Water & Environmental Programs

### VISITORS:

Ms. Jackie Turpin, Rome WRF Laboratory Supervisor  
Mr. Rod Machtolff, Coosa WRF Foreman  
Ms. Tori Hughes, WRGA Radio Station  
Mr. Jeremy Stewart, *Rome News Tribune*  
Mr. Rick Bohm, Ball Corporation  
Mr. Gerhard Scherer, F. P. Pigments  
Mr. Bob Boazman, Bekaert Industries  
Mr. Ben McElrath, Marglen Industries

Chairperson Davis called the Water and Sewer Committee Meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 18, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

#### Financial Reports as of May 31, 2015

Ms. Shore presented financial reports for the Water and Sewer Division as of May 31, 2015. Operating Revenues under Water Services are down \$85,800 YTD and Sewer Services Revenues are up \$23,492 as compared to last year. Connection fees are down \$18,000 and Total Operating Revenues are down \$63,406 as compared to 2014.

Ms. Shore further stated Total Expenses are below budget for the year. The year-to-date Debt Service Coverage/Bonds ratio is 1.56.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Construction Projects Update

Mr. Hackett reviewed the current construction projects. The small water main on Melody Lane is being replaced with a six-inch main. The digester roof replacement at the Rome WRF and the Sludge Thickener Repair at the Coosa WRF are progressing on schedule. A portion of the Highway 20 Coosa Lift Station's force main was replaced this past month. The replacement of the Broad Street water main is going well. Construction work will begin on the SPLOST sewer project in North Rome by mid-July and the Etowah River Intake Pumping Station's design will begin in July by Southern Engineering.

### \* Industrial User Surcharge Fees

In an effort to bring the City's Industrial Surcharge Rates up to date, staff provided the Committee with several scenarios for the application of the newly calculated rates. These surcharge rates are based on the cost to the City per pound of pollutant. After much discussion and input by the Committee members and by the industrial representatives present, the attached proposed resolution is to be submitted to the full Commission for adoption at the June 22, 2015 meeting. This proposed resolution was put into effect by a motion by Commissioner Wachsteter, seconded by Commissioner Imscher and unanimously adopted.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Overview of the Coosa Water Reclamation Facility

Rod Machtloff, Coosa Water Reclamation Facility Foreman, provided a PowerPoint presentation explaining the various treatment processes and equipment in use at the Coosa Water Reclamation Facility. The Coosa WRF consistently produces an effluent with a BOD concentration of one milligram per liter and has received the Georgia Association of Water Professionals 2015 Platinum Award for excellent plant operations.

## DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

### Monthly Activity Report

The Monthly Activity Report for May, 2015 was presented to the Committee by Mr. Hackett. Highlights of the report noted the water amount supplied to the distribution system as of the end of May year-to-date is 6% less when compared to May, 2014 YTD. This decrease has been influenced by leaks in City mains and residential/business plumbing resulting from the severe cold experienced in January and February of 2014. The report also shows 17% less wastewater was treated YTD as compared to the same period in 2014 due to less rainfall in 2015.

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Respectfully submitted by,

*Leigh B. Ross*

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**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Rome City Commission and it is hereby resolved by the authority of same, that the fee schedule book of the City of Rome, Georgia be revised to establish the following rates and effective dates for wastewater surcharges.

*Current Surcharges:*

BOD	
mg/L	per pound
<350	\$0.00
350-500	\$0.09
500-750	\$0.13
750-1000	\$0.15
>1000	\$0.18

TSS	
mg/L	per pound
<200	\$0.00
350-500	\$0.09
500-750	\$0.13
750-1000	\$0.15
>1000	\$0.18

O & G	
mg/L	per pound
<100	\$0.00
100-200	\$0.05
200-300	\$0.07
300-400	\$0.08
>400	\$0.09

*Surcharges Effective January 1, 2016 and In Effect Until December 31, 2017:*

BOD	
mg/L	per pound
<350	\$0.00
350-500	\$0.18
500-750	\$0.27
750-1000	\$0.38
>1000	\$0.50

TSS	
mg/L	per pound
<200	\$0.00
200-500	\$0.18
500-750	\$0.27
750-1000	\$0.38
>1000	\$0.50

O & G	
mg/L	per pound
<100	\$0.00
100-200	\$0.09
200-300	\$0.14
300-400	\$0.19
>400	\$0.25

*Abbreviations: mg/L = milligrams per liter; BOD = Five-day Biochemical Oxygen Demand; TSS= Total Suspended Solids; O & G = Oil and Grease*

**ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor, Rome City Commission

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Joseph F. Smith, Secretary  
Rome City Commission