

CITY OF TUSCUMBIA
Minutes of Public Hearing
Clean Water State Revolving Fund
April 27, 2015 @ 5:15 p.m.

- I. Opening of Public Hearing – Mayor Billy S. Shoemaker opened the Public Hearing by informing the public that the notice was published in the Colbert County Reporter and the Council will receive comments on the application for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan. The loan is needed to address flooding and sewer collection system issues. Bart and Kelley Taft are the consulting engineers who are handling this project. Everyone attending this public hearing are requested to sign in.
- II. Overview of the Project – Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft
ADS Environmental Services is providing a study of flow data that will help determine if the problem is inflow or infiltration. ADS is collecting data from 13 locations thru out the system and they will continue for approximately 4 weeks. Kelley Keeton Taft believes the drainage problem is more of an inflow issue instead of infiltration because of the run-off during heavy rainfalls.
- III. Selection of Funding Source – Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft
Since the City of Tusculmbia has limited funding to improve their roads and storm water systems, the mayor and council are submitting an application to ADEM for a Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a low interest 2.5% Loan. The amount requested is \$2,424,744 to be paid over a period of twenty years if approved.
- IV. Discussion of new rate structure and fee structure – Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft
The rates will not exceed \$3 on sewer customer’s utility bills.
- V. Question and Answers –
Question 1. Barbara Johnson, 820 N. Milton Street
What areas are covered? It will probably cost over \$1,000,000 for Richmond Hills.

Answer: Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft
The Sewer Collection areas are noted on the map beginning with WZZA, Gayle Street, Richmond Hills, etc. No cost has been associated with a specific area at this time.

Question 2. Where does the responsibility lie within the Dogwood area?

Answer: Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft
Each household will pay \$3 a month if they have sewer. The regulations have been reviewed with the Planning Commission and there is nothing in the code that addresses this issue.

Question 3. T. Cunningham, 804 King Avenue
Water is coming out of the culvert on George Wallace at the college. Why don’t they run the water the other direction instead of turning it towards King?

Answer: Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft
We will check into this.

Question 4. Sherry Campbell, 1111 Catalpa Street
When will regulation be put in place for residential and commercial construction that conforms to ADEM?

Answer: Kelley Keeton Taft and Bart Taft
Reviewing the regulations with Tom Heflin now.

VI. Comments -

Theresa Richardson, 1008 Madison Avenue

- water is flowing underneath house from backyard; replaced floor in utility room several times
- will get with public works director to collect data and identify on map

Sovie King, 1217 E. Gayle Street

- large hole near a magnolia tree in yard that holds water

Christine Loveless, 1126 E. 8th Street

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- concerned about mole in house

Mattie Smith, Gayle Street

- mildew in bedroom that keeps coming back

Kelley Keeton Taft requested that the council hold a second public hearing after the application is approved this fall. They would like to talk to as many citizens as possible. Mayor Billy Shoemaker said the city will not be able to solve all the flooding problems Tuseumbia has, but this will be a start.

The Public Hearing was officially closed at 6:10 p.m.