

SOUTH FULTON CITY COMMISSION  
SOUTH FULTON, TENNESSEE  
January 13, 2006

AGENDA

- A. Cost from Sanitary Sewer Damage

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

A special called meeting was held on Friday, January 13, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the South Fulton Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Mayor David James.

ROLL CALL BY RECORDER

Roll call was taken by City Recorder Debbie Beadles. Present were D James, R Haskins, W Kane, C Moody, K Dillon, K Ivey. There were nine citizens and one media personnel present.

BUSINESS

DISCUSS COSTS OF SANITARY SEWER DAMAGE

Ms. Dillon stated sewer backed up into two trailers in McKinney Trailer Park earlier this week. She stated it was initially thought the city was responsible. She stated the city did, in good faith, contact ServPro to come in and begin the cleanup process. She stated the two families were put up at the Guest Inn and set up an account at a local grocery. She stated a bath towel in the service line was the cause of the sewer backup, which the city has no control over and is not at fault. She stated she filed claim with insurance and upon learning that the insurance would not reimburse for any of these expenses, she contacted the Red Cross who will pay for two nights' lodgings for the residents. She also contacted a shelter in Paris, TN where both families may stay as long as they need the facility. She stated she also contacted Twin Cities Care for clothing and food. She stated the costs to date are \$3365.20 which includes one night lodging for two families (\$121), food (\$172.84), ServPro cleanup (\$3071.36) for a total of \$3365.20.

In discussion, Wayne Powers, owner of one of the trailers, stated he notified the trailer park manager on Tuesday when sewage backed up into the bathtub. He stated he holds the city responsible and wants to return to his home, but wants EPA to tell him it is okay for him to return. He stated he has nowhere to go tonight. He stated he is concerned with his neighbor and her two children who have both been in hospital with meningitis.

Hubert Maynard, Public Works Director, stated he was notified by Mr. Dalton, manager of the trailer park that sewage was backing up in the two trailers. He stated he told them to remove the clothes that were contaminated. Mr. Maynard stated that last week, city found a blockage (grease) about 140 feet up the main. He stated they cleared

that blockage and flushed the line, assuming that problem was resolved. Mr. Maynard also stated Ms. Dillon has gone out of her way to help these two families until they can get back into their homes.

Jason Caldwell, ServPro, stated anything contaminated by raw sewage was removed – clothes, carpet, linoleum, anywhere you walk. He stated chemicals were put on the outside as well and everything was dried. He stated everything in the trailers has been sanitized. He stated the next step would be for the hygienist to test the area to see that it is free from contamination and cost would be about \$600.

Commissioner Kane stated money should not be spent by the city if the city is not responsible for this situation. He stated the city has responsibility and carries insurance for such occurrences. Mr. Kane also stated the city has done a great service to these residents already, but cannot spend any more money on this situation. Commissioner Moody stated he agreed the city cannot spend additional money in this situation.

Ms. Dillon stated the property owners must assume some of the responsibility. She stated Mr. Powers should notify Mr. McKinney about homeowner's insurance coverage.

Mayor James moved to finish the cleanup by ServPro. Motion dies for lack of a second.

Commissioner Kane moved that city pay for what has already been done. Commissioner Moody seconded the motion. In roll call vote, Commissioners Haskins, Kane, and Moody voted aye. Mayor James voted nay. Motion carries by 3-1 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor James moved to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Commissioner Haskins seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carries.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
RECORDER MAYOR