

WATER COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 14, 2016
MINUTES

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** James K “Chip” Conner, Vice Chairman
Commission Chairman Charles Oddo
Steve Rapson, County Administrator
Lee Pope, Water System Director
Jimmy Preau
- ABSENT:** Pete Frisina, Chairman
- NON-VOTING MEMBERS:** Dennis Davenport, County Attorney
Michael Diaz, CH2M
- GUESTS:** Commissioner Steve Brown
Tony Parrott
Stephen Hogan, PTC WASA
Jason Bodwell, CH2M
- OTHER STAFF:** Russell Ray, Water System
Chief Marshal Harold Myers, Fayette County

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Chip Conner at 8:00 A.M.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MEETING ON AUGUST 24, 2016.

Lee Pope made the motion and Jimmy Preau seconded, to approve the minutes from the meeting on August 24, 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

II. UPDATE ON WATER TREATMENT PLANTS.

Michael Diaz reported Lakeshore is doing great progress right now. AWI, the manufacturer for the under drain system on Filters 1 through 4 is on site this week looking at the work that Lakeshore has been doing for the past month. At this point they are moving forward with the installation of the media. Specifically what they will do is perform a bubble test on the under drain system, just to make sure that everything has been tied in properly; that we do have proper pressures in the air line, and that we have proper air distribution through the different laterals in the filters. You are looking for some consistency all the way thorough out. Once they do the bubble test, the next step is putting media into the filters. Typically they will do it in about 6” lifts, they will backwash to try to clean and skim out some of the media that you don’t want to remain in there. Once they complete that, then the next step to follow as far as the end of this week is to disinfect the filters and hopefully next week actually start going into production; just like they did with 5 through 8. The media is 12 inches of sand and 18 inches of puracite.

Russell Ray presented photos of different parts of the project, the pipe gallery, the filter hall, the media in the filters themselves, and the construction rehab. There are no changes from last month as far as the pay estimates. The Board approved a change order for the Zero to Waste in the amount of \$113,304.63. He said that will be reflected on the next update of the graph. Filter start up is planned for the first week in October as far as actually filtering. The laterals on the filters have been installed and the air bubble test is being done this week. In October the chlorine dioxide start up is also planned. The PAC system will be installed later in September.

Mr. Ray showed slides of the turbidimeter, pressure and flow indicators, the sample line for the turbidimeter, filters 1 through 4, the new actuators for some of the big valves, the filter control actuators, and a new sample pump location for easier access. He then showed the new lights. The next slides showed the existing vaults that are located outside from the Allsouth project. Lakeshore has to now go in and install the powder activated carbon feed lines in the vaults. He explained the existing lines in the vaults and showed where the new lines will be placed.

Mr. Diaz explained the idea for these chemical vaults is ideally if you are changing direction on the chemical piping and you want to be able to have a place where you can have accessibility in case there is a leak, in case you need to replace anything. You can get in there, you have a larger carrier pipe and inside you have your smaller chemical lines, and it is easier to make a replacement.

Mr. Ray pointed out the new conduit coming out of the permanganate building. Local controls are in this building for both the permanganate and the powder activated carbon. The next slide showed the inside of the existing Lake McIntosh raw water vault, the flow tube, a saddle for permanganate and the location of the powder activated carbon injection point.

The next slide Mr. Ray showed was the completed blower line for the air scour system, all the way from one end to the other. The new roof has been installed and at this time there are no leaks.

III. DISCUSSION OF RESERVOIR PARK HOURS.

Commissioner Steve Brown explained that this issue came up before this body once before and then it was also discussed at the Board of Commissioners meeting two meetings ago. He said he has been approached by a lot of residents who use the lakes and fishermen, kayakers, you name it. They are talking about wanting more daylight hours. He said he was looking at some of their comments and evaluating what we were doing at other parks, scenic wooded parks, ball parks and everything else; and trying to figure out where the consistency is in how we do things as well. One of the things cited in the proposal is darkness hours. In actuality, the proposal going sunrise to sunset gives you more daylight hours. He referenced a chart of the hours. In Document B, the highlighted areas are the current hours where we have more hours of darkness.

Steve Rapson explained the red line is 6:30 when we open in the morning.

Commissioner Brown stated we actually have more dark hours with the current scenario, rather than the proposed scenario. The proposed scenario, you can only go in at sunrise and you have to leave at sunset. Document C shows you actually do gain a little bit of daylight throughout the year. That is indicated by the yellow arrows; with the proposed plan when we are normally closing the park. Document D shows the park hours that we use for all of our other parks, sunrise to sunset; which meets the proposal. The reason we do that primarily is safety; you just don't want people in those parks in the dark. In the lake parks, we don't have any lights; it is even more important, some of the other parks do have lights. He said that is important to remember in terms of safety.

Commissioner Brown stated that Kenwood is gated, so it is locked up at night. We were having problems with vandalism and trash, and various other things. It would be consistent with the other park hours which would make it easier for folks to remember. Document E came right off our web site. It is the exact script; he said he highlighted for emphasis. We actually had on there that the parks were open from sunrise to sunset, and then we had another line that says different hours; talking about daylight savings time. He said he found that to be very confusing. Sunrise to sunset makes it very easy to understand. This information is on the Parks & Recreation page. Commissioner Brown said we are giving off a mixed message with what we are doing with the park hours. He said he would love to see that changed. The last page has the highlights, you have more consistent hours, you have more daylight, better safety, more hours for fun and we would actually be listening to our constituents. The latest poll showed that 70% of Americans don't think government can do the job. He said he does not think we should do our best to prove them right. He thinks we should do our best to prove them wrong.

Commissioner Brown went on to say he thinks this is a plan that people are obviously asking for. It is much safer than what we have. He said he has seen people off loading boats on northern tool trailers that have been modified with duct tape and PVC. It is sometimes a pretty dangerous affair watching some of these people. He has seen some people where the trailer has broken while they are off loading. You especially don't want these people doing this in the dark. He said he thinks that is something we really need to pay attention to. We also have to remember we have the walking paths down there, just like we have in other areas. In McCurry Park and some of the other parks the hours are sunrise to sunset. He thinks it is important we have sunrise to sunset with the walking paths at our lakes. It is a great danger. We do have some people in Peachtree City that will walk in darkness by themselves, even children walking to school. He said he cringes when he sees a child or a woman walking in the dark and they are heading into a deeply wooded area where the path takes them where there is no visibility from anywhere else other than within the woods. He said that is an issue we are also going to have to think about as well.

Lee Pope asked how the gates are handled at the other parks. Mr. Rapson said this is one of the differences. He did his own self-analysis this morning just to see. He said he went over to McIntosh Park and the only person there was a boater; he was putting his boat in. Mr. Rapson said he asked him if darkness is an issue when you are putting a boat in; the short answer was if you can't put a boat in there with a flashlight, you probably shouldn't be on the lake to begin with. He had concerns with the sunrise sunset because the main thing he wants to do is he wants to be out there before the sunrise. He said that is when the fish are biting; he really wants to get to his spot. If anything if you opened them earlier, he would rather it be earlier and he could get on the lake at 5:00, 5:30 or 6:00. Mr. Rapson said he told him that was not an option.

Mr. Rapson said he went through Kiwanis Park; it was dark when he was there. There were 12 people walking, 2 of them with babies. He counted people at McCurry Park and there were 23 of them, 4 of them with babies. It was all dark. The concern that he has is right now, we are not enforcing sunrise, in his determination, in any of these parks. He said at sunset we are; he thinks we are running them out of the parks at night. Chief Myers stated that is correct.

Mr. Rapson said there are tons of people walking at McCurry Park and Kiwanis Park. He asked how frequently they do it and everybody he talked to said they do it every day. They are usually there a little earlier. His concern is, he said he understands what Commissioner Brown is doing, he wants to be consistent; but with the sunrise/sunset, the gates are not being opened and secured. He thinks a long time ago they used to be locked up, and then the Marshals came and opened them up.

Chief Myers said they closed them every night and tried to get everybody out of there, especially McCurry Park. He said it was difficult. Mr. Rapson commented there are about four different ways into McCurry Park, and even if you lock the gates they can park at Building & Grounds and walk over. You can walk into the park; you just can't park your car if those gates are locked.

Mr. Rapson said his issue with the Board would be if you want to enforce sunrise to sunset, then we need to be given some direction and start making it a hard fast thing. He said he talked to at least two or three dozen citizens this morning that would be there telling why that is a bad idea. Ultimately that is something that the Board will have to weigh into. When it originally came before the Water Committee we were talking about it from a fisherman perspective. He said he has gotten three other phone calls from three other fishermen who are not happy that they are losing all the hours they would be losing; they say they fish those hours now. He said they told him their biggest concern is toward the later part of the year, whenever the bass are running; the February March time frame which is one of the areas where we gain some hours.

Mr. Rapson said he talked with Chief Myers and we do have the ability to manually change the timer. If the Commission and the Water Committee wanted us to mirror sunrise and sunset; our gates are on a timer and we can fix the timer. There is not a whole lot of deviation if you look at the actual months, ten, fifteen or twenty minutes.

Commissioner Brown commented we are liable for enforcing our rules and our ordinances, and we better be careful if we have people in the parks at dark, even if it is in the morning at dark because we are liable for enforcing those rules. He said you have some of these guys who have been fishing since they were 3 years old, 12 to 15 of them showed up at our meeting; at least 3 or 4 of those are professional bass fishers. They make money off of fishing; that is how they earn an income. He said he is not worried about those guys, but they were the ones that were really promoting the sunrise to sunset. But, we also have rank amateurs who get out there in whatever craft; whether it is a standup paddle board or kayak; or they have bought some bass boat off ebay and they are going to throw it out there in the water. We really need to be concerned about those people in the dark. You really don't want those folks getting out there in the early morning hours.

Commissioner Chairman Oddo commented he does not see any evidence of anything either way; any problems it is not that; if there is a concern with people that are boating and should not be boating he thinks we need to have the Marshal do some kind of study on this. He does not want to make a decision just based on what he is hearing. He said he is not hearing that there is anything really wrong. He said he is trying to tie in the charts and it looks like there are more hours of daylight in a lot of places.

Chief Myers explained we are talking sunrise to sunset which is not dusk to dawn. That is two different times. If you go by the US Naval Observatory times as they list sunrise to sunset; sunrise is typically 20 to 25 minutes after it gets daylight. You have 25 minutes of daylight before it actually gets to sunrise. Sunset is typically the same. You are talking about an hour of daylight pretty much on average every day of the year, which is going to be daylight before the park opens or closes.

The Committee studied the chart with the hours. Steve Rapson explained that 6:30 in the morning is when we open (the red line), if we were to go to sunrise all the areas that are shaded are times the park would be closed that the park currently is open. The only time you really gain is the February March time frame and in the very middle of the summer, you gain a little bit in July. When he talked to the folks walking in the park and he talked to the fisherman this morning, their concern was losing time. He said he thinks Commissioner Brown's point is we are allowing them in the park before it is light. He pointed out how much time is dark on the chart. That is really the issue; he said he understands that it is not consistent, but it has always been consistent in the water parks. The reason there is a shift is because obviously, someone at some point realized if you didn't change to the daylight savings time, then you would have a significant loss.

Commissioner Brown stated that one thing we have tried to do the last couple of years is bring the water parks in line with the other parks in terms of leasing the pavilions out and doing all that other stuff. He said he thinks the consistency is going to help dramatically, but whether we put the cameras out there like we have in the other parks, the cameras will do you no good in the dark.

Mr. Rapson stated the cameras can see in the dark, they have night vision and infrared. You actually can see people at the park in the dark. Commissioner Brown spoke about visibility, if a crime is committed visibility is very dark. Mr. Rapson said our cameras are set up and have different parameters set up, so if you are at Kenwood Park and you are there at night, it has a trigger that will trigger a motion detector that will go to the 911 Center to say there is someone in this park and it is after hours. It is flagged as a warning and they will dispatch an officer. None of those cameras are at any of the water parks. Commissioner Brown commented you can get triggers from a deer, or a dog. Mr. Rapson said that is why 911 would have to look at it. Commissioner Brown said that is why you would get so many false triggers on those things.

Mr. Pope asked if we are shooting for consistency why not convert all those parks to match with what the Water System's hours are for their parks. If every park in the county was 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. that would be clear. Commissioner Brown said then you have to figure out when is daylight savings time. Mr. Rapson suggested figuring out what those hours are for all the parks to be open. It goes back to a Board decision in regards to is it ok for walkers to be walking in the early morning hours before sunrise. That is one question they have to ask. He said he does not think anybody is in favor of it is ok for folks to be doing stuff late at night after sunset. He thinks everybody will agree that is probably ok. The sunrise question is you are talking about for our water parks, especially, you are talking about the perception that somehow the citizens will be losing something that they currently can do.

Mr. Pope commented that Mr. Rapson was at McCurry Park this morning and there were people there before daylight. But, if they had a specific time, you would not have been able to tell them they were wrong. When you start talking about sunrise to sunset you have to look at what day is it. It would be hard for the Marshals to police that. A definitive time for all the parks would be the real consistency.

Chief Myers referred to his spreadsheet that has actual time for every day of the month. He added a column that shows when it is actually dark each day. Mr. Rapson stated in January the difference between sunrise and gate opening in the morning is an hour.

Chief Myers explained starting in January, Column G, the shaded area is, according to the times, when it is actually dark; this is the time before dawn when it actually

will be dark. January 1 there will be 45 minutes of darkness before it starts getting daylight outside. Dawn time is at 7:15, changing the gate open to sunrise time, it would not open and people would not be allowed into the park until 7:42. Because the days are getting longer those times go down to 39 minutes of darkness before that time.

Mr. Rapson commented that even though we are talking about sunrise and 6:30 it is getting progressively less dark. Chief Myers said that is correct. Chief Myers stated there is 13 minutes of darkness on February 29. In March when the time changes it actually goes down and equals out.

Mr. Rapson asked Chief Myers if there are people getting hurt walking at dark or are there boating accidents where people are loading boats at dark. He asked what Chief Myers has seen. Chief Myers replied he has been here 7 years; he has not taken any reports and is not aware of any reports of anybody getting hurt. Mr. Rapson said he asked the same thing of Mrs. Godbee and she said the same thing. She said the most they will get is a complaint about a tree limb being down across some path, it is dark and it needs to be fixed before people are out there in case they trip over it.

Mr. Pope said if he is a citizen and you say you close the park at sunset and sunset is at 7:44, and you are telling me it is daylight until after 8:00. If I am out there until 8:00 and you come and get onto to me because I am in there after sunset, I am going to say you are crazy, it is not sunset it is still daylight. Chief Marshal stated that is the battle they used to fight every night when they closed the gates at McCurry Park. People are still walking at dusk and the park has been closed for 20 minutes. They say it is not even dark yet. It is an educational thing; we have to educate the public of when those times are; sunrise and sunset opposed to daylight and dark. It is not a gated park, so people are going to have a tendency to stay there until dark or they can't see how to walk anymore; or both.

Commissioner Brown said if you want to include more hours of daylight he is all for that, but one thing that has incredibly frustrated him over his tenure here at the county is that we tend to have a lot of things in place that we are either not paying serious attention to; infrastructure, wooden benches with rotted wood that collapse, fountains that don't work, light bulbs out, plazas with no bulbs in them, different globes. We are not really watching what we are doing and that has improved dramatically. But, some of the things he has been working on, the Water Guardians and these other things; people complaining; what are you going to do about the trash in the lake, what are you going to do about this, what are you going to do about the hours. He said often times he rarely found anybody that has what he would call an obscene complaint where it is just so far out of the box that it is just ridiculous. Very rarely do you ever get something like that. These are people who are using the facilities constantly who want to get the most use out of the facilities and want to see their assets, what their tax payer dollars are being used for being taken care of. He said he thinks we need consistency amongst the parks. If he is a

mom, and I have 2 small kids and I want to go to the park, I shouldn't have to figure out, looking on 4 different web pages to see what the time is that I have to go to this particular park. Peachtree City has consistency across the board in their parks, Fayetteville has few parks, but they do have consistency in the few they have. What we are looking for is consistency and if you want to expand it to actual daylight hours he is all for that, but he thinks they are asking the same questions. Why can't we do more if the sun is shining? Just from our liability perspective the safety in the darkness is something we really need to consider. The moment something happens it's too late to consider liability. That is when the TV cameras are down here asking why we are allowing people to do this stuff in the dark.

Chief Myers commented if we go to daylight and dark he thinks we will have people out there on the lake every day of the year after dark. There is an occasional time when we stay open until 8:30 and the times changed but we have not changed the gate timer, where there is an occasional person or boater out there after dark. Most of those guys are experienced, they have lights on their boats, they know what they are doing. His estimation is if we go to dusk, there is going to be people out there every night after dark. Simply because they don't understand what dusk time is or what sunset time is. It goes back to education. There are going to be more instances where people are on the lake after dark.

Mr. Pope stated he agrees with the safety, he thinks with set hours during the two different time periods would be the right way to go. It would be easy for the Marshals to police and it will make it easy for our citizens to understand. Most everyone can tell time.

Commissioner Chairman Oddo said he thinks that is correct, but without Mrs. Godbee being here, he would like to get her input on it. Commissioner Brown said he would not go with the Eastern Standard Time 6:30 to 8:30 and then daylight savings time. You are just confusing people. Make it as simple as you possibly can. He went on to say we could do a heck of a lot better with the signage on our lakes. We can make it a lot more consumer friendly telling people what they need to do and being responsible. We can explain easily what the hours mean and when they need to be back in and back out.

Chief Myers stated we have to have a time to enforce. If we say sunrise to sunset, that is a good time. That is a published time. When we close those gates, we can't change the timers every day of the month. He said he averaged it out per month. If you look at the 15th of every month and see when sunset is, close the gates then. But, if you are in there after sunset that is what we enforce. Commissioner Brown stated sunrise to sunset for just about every park, except for the lake parks where we have a different system. It has worked for every park in this county.

Mr. Rapson commented that we could average the times and change them every month. Michael Diaz pointed out that this is the water source for the county. From the perspective of safety in regards to potentially people being there, illegally

dumping things during dark hours should be something to consider as well. Mr. Pope commented that he agrees with the Chairman, we should weigh Mrs. Godbee in on this discussion. Now we are talking about affecting her parks. Commissioner Brown said if we do sunrise to sunset we are not affecting her parks. Her parks are already sunrise to sunset. Mr. Pope commented it looks like her parks might have an enforcement problem, if they are subjective about when we can close and open her parks.

Commission Chairman Oddo said he thinks we have a lot to consider and he understands where Commissioner Brown is going. He does not see any problem to fix right now. Most of the fishermen he has seen follow the fishing charts which don't really coincide with sunrise to sunset. He guesses it coincides with whatever the moon phase is. A lot of fishermen like to fish early in the morning or after dark. He has not heard any problems either way except for the two that expressed some feeling; he did not get any real concern from them. He does not see any reason to change. He said he would like to see a reason to, but he is not seeing a reason to change right now. He said he knows people walk all the time. He said he walks in Patriot Park, but he does not know if they have closing hours or not. It doesn't matter, people just get in there and walk around. He said he understands the liabilities, there is liability everywhere. He said he got sued once because somebody fell on the City sidewalk in front of their office. It was not their sidewalk, but they got sued because they were there.

Mr. Rapson said the people he thinks are walking before sunrise are doing it at the parks that have a lot more trails and a lot more openness than what our water parks are. There is a concern he has with, while he is not concerned about them walking in the dark, he is concerned that they are very isolated in regards to where these water parks are compared to McCurry and Kiwanis Park. There is a lot of activity around those parks; a lot of people driving down the road next to those parks. When you look at Horton and McIntosh if you are walking the back trail there by the dam, you are kind of off the beaten track if there are people in the parking lot. Most folks that are walking, they are not going to be walking their babies and pushing folks in the middle of those types of areas. There are no lights there either, but he also thinks there is a huge distinction between talking about that being a recreational park as opposed to McCurry Park, because we don't have any activity. He said a third of Peachtree City has no idea that there is even a park at Lake McIntosh unless they have been there for some reason. The fishermen know where they are. He said he still gets residents that are surprised when they happen to wander across the park and he gets a phone asking how long it has been there. He said he understands a lot of the concerns. If we can address them through a timer that would be something that we could do; it is just a matter of whether that is the will of this committee. People that are going to walk and people that want to go to walk, let's say at McIntosh, they are just going to walk right past that gate, walk in there and walk around.

Commissioner Brown said when you go over the gate that is their liability, when we

open the gate that is us. That is the difference. Water security is a factor, too. Somebody that wants to destroy the water with a 50 gallon drum is probably going to find a way to do regardless whether there is a gate there or not; if there is going to be some kind of terroristic threat. You don't make it easy for them.

Mr. Rapson said we never talk about Lake Kedron, but the reality of the matter is Lake Kedron is kind of already sunrise to sunset and enforced as such by Peachtree City. Even though it is part of our Water System we talk about Lake Horton, Lake McIntosh and Starr's Mill, but we don't talk a lot about Lake Kedron. There already is somewhat of a precedent in regards to that. He said his concern is eating up Marshals time to go out there and change a timer every day. If we are saying we can do something that is on an average and we do it once every month that seems like a feasible, reasonable request.

The committee discussed the hours impacted and the overall number of hours the parks would be open would be reduced. Mr. Rapson suggested trying it for 90 days and see what complaints we get; if we get any. Mr. Pope suggested changing on the 15th using the average. Mr. Rapson expressed concern that we will get complaints when people lose time. Commissioner Brown mentioned that the professional fishermen pointed out to him that during the cold hours at dark during the cold months people won't be out there anyway. You are not going to fish in January at 6:00 in the morning.

Mr. Rapson stated the majority of the lost time happens in September and October for the sunset side of the equation; and this is the biggest impact we have with closing it early. It is going to be from September to November. He asked if the Committee was agreeable to changing for the next 3 or 4 months and seeing what feedback we get, starting now.

Jimmy Preau commented that he thinks dusk to dawn, sunset to sunrise are confusing. Times, 6:00, 6:30; that is easily understood. He said he thinks we are much better off getting away from sunrise, sunset, dawn and dusk and just going with the hours. Everybody can understand hours and we are just talking about the water parks in our discussion. The County Commission can talk about the other parks. He said his recommendation would be that we set hours and leave it. If we already have hours set we just leave it there, and correct the web site.

Commissioner Brown asked if those hours are the right hours, do you want people in the dark in the morning. If people are out there in the dark doesn't make it right or wrong. If we have rules we need to enforce them, one. Second we need to pay attention to liability.

Mr. Preau stated the morning to him is less of an issue because within a very short period of time it is going to be light. The evening is where the issue is. We are better off with times than arbitrary terms like sunset/sunrise, dawn/dusk, that kind of thing.

Tony Parrott commented that he was always in favor of the 6:30 time. It made it so much easier on the Marshals to do something. At 6:00 you look at your watch, you don't have to look at the sun; you don't have to talk about the sunrise, the sunset. At 6:30 you come in, at 8:30 you have to go out. That is all it is, it is pretty simple.

Stephen Hogan stated that is his opinion as well. You don't have to deal with another jurisdiction; you have an absolute time in and time out. If it goes to a court of law or a judge, then you have a specific time.

Mr. Pope said he could imagine what an attorney can do with sunrise to sunset and we have ticketed somebody at 7:45, but they were there at 8:00 and they say it was still daylight. That could go on forever.

Mr. Rapson asked if there is some compromise we could make in September that would pick up some of the lost time. Chief Myers said sure, but the problem is the ordinance is written with the hours in there, the signage is there and it is posted on the web site. It is not just a matter of going down to change the timer for the gate. We have to consider all this other stuff. We have to also let the general public know that the time is changing. That is going to be an issue, changing it every month. We can write the ordinance to say the parks open sunrise to sunset and as far as enforcement, enforce those hours that are published on the Naval Observatory; but as far as when the gates open and close, we will have to do a general average time for the gates. He said what they enforce has to be in the ordinance. If they ever enforce or write a citation it has to be supported by an ordinance.

Mr. Rapson said if it is sunrise, someone can make the same argument you are making to a judge and if it sounds reasonable, your citation might not stick as opposed to, were they there after a specific time.

Attorney Davenport commented that the sun sets at 7:45 today. You are open until 8:30, what do you want to fix? You have all the sunset; you have all the dusk and you have 10 to 15 minutes of darkness on top of that. We are not changing time until the first weekend in November; November 8. There is going to be more and more darkness subsequent to sunset because we are still going to be at 8:30 all the way to the first weekend in November. It used to be in October, now it is in November. If you don't have an objective number, you are not going to cite anybody because you can't prove anything. The word sunrise and the word sunset connote two different things. It connotes a presence of light versus an absence of light, it also connotes a specific time when the sun rises and the sun sets. He asked which one are we talking about. If he has to ask that question, you can't enforce that. If you don't want anybody in there before sunrise and they are there at 15 minutes before sunrise and it is light what are you doing? Are you citing them for being there when it is light? Even though it is ok, but it is not sunrise. Without an objective number enforcement is a problem. If you want an enforcement issue you need an objective number. If you are not talking about an enforcement issue, you

just want to have a generalized concept, sunrise to sunset works. But you can't use sunrise to sunset and actively enforce. It is very challenging.

Mr. Pope commented that the worst code enforcement he ever had in the court room was getting chewed out by a judge, not an attorney for the defendant, but a judge, because of what we had cited the person for. Even the judge was saying we were wrong. What did we think we were doing? It was the same thing, we were citing hours in our park.

Attorney Davenport stated it is objective versus subjective. If you want to enforce you go objective, if you are not really caring or worrying about the enforcement side of it, subjective would work.

Commissioner Brown said the dichotomy we have is, we have the four or five parks that we say one thing and then we have three parks that we say something else. From a citizens perspective he is just saying we need to pull the consistency in from one side or the other side.

Mr. Pope said he agrees with consistency. And, what we just heard is we can't cite anybody in our other parks because of this whole thing that Mr. Davenport just explained. Attorney Davenport stated it sounds like you have two different bodies that are making the recommendations for the hours. Until those two bodies talk to figure out is there a compromise it is going to be difficult to say. Recreation may like 6:30 to 8:30, for example. We don't know that, have we talked to them to see. He said he does not know. The response was no.

Attorney Davenport said what he is hearing is there are some issues with sunrise to sunset and there is more of a predilection to stay with objective numbers. If you would like the opinion of Recreation, ask Recreation. Recreation might listen to what you have to say and want to go from 6:30 to 8:30 as opposed to sunrise to sunset. There are several issues to look at and to talk about. If both bodies meet, you may still wind up with you want 6:30 to 8:30 at the water parks and sunrise to sunset at other than the water parks and that is where you wind up. It is an opportunity to at least have that discussion.

Mr. Pope said we should meet with Anita and discuss it with the Recreation Commission. Mr. Rapson stated this a Thursday Board of Commissioner item, and what he is hearing is it looks like the majority of the Committee wants to leave the hours in place.

Mr. Rapson said maybe the best thing to do is to table this and direct staff to speak with the Recreation Commission and get the Recreation Commission's thoughts in regards to whether they are on board with changing their sunrise to sunset to be consistent with the hours that we open and close our water parks.

Mr. Rapson put this into the form of a motion. Jimmy Preau seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. FLOATING DOCK UPDATE.

Mr. Pope referenced photos of the work done by Building Grounds of the ramps going up to the floating docks. He also showed photos of the docks after the installation was completed. Chief Myers pointed out at Lake Horton; the decking is going to have to be widened so the wheels of the docks will have something to roll on. That work is being done this morning. Mr. Rapson commented the docks are ADA compliant, so if you are in a wheelchair you can wheel out there put your kayak on there, scoot over and kayak the lake. Chief Myers commented they are also designed so Mr. Gardner can pull up next to the floating dock on one side and step out of the fishing boat.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Tony Parrott distributed copies of the September Historical Society newsletter. He stated that the Historical Society once a year goes down to Starr's Mill for an annual meeting. They have been going down there since the county purchased it in 1991, with tours of the mill. Even before that, the Historical Society was going down there. He invited the Committee to the meeting September 25, which will be held at Starr's Mill.

VI. FILM REQUEST FOR LAKE KEDRON.

Mr. Rapson explained we have a film request at Lake Kedron and they want to close the Kedron ramp. He said we are coordinating with Peachtree City. The film shoot will be the 16th and the 17th of September. They are requesting complete closure of Lake Kedron on September 17.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

Lee Pope made a motion to adjourn the Water Committee September 14, 2016 meeting. Jimmy Preau seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Chip Conner adjourned the meeting at 9:00 A.M.

Chip Conner

The foregoing minutes were approved at the regular Water Committee meeting on the 12th day of October, 2016.

Lisa Speegle