

TRADES ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
MAY 17, 2006

Everyone was welcomed. Each person introduced themselves.

Minutes of April meeting were approved.

Hal Balthrop discussed the new Service Line Policy which will make MWS responsible for the water line under federal and state roads. A draft of the new policy will be provided at the next TAC meeting.

Hal discussed the compression vs. flared fittings issue. There is a request to solely use the compression fittings since they are allowed for 1" and above meters. Hal said there is an AWWA study involving other utilities over this same issue and the study is expected to be completed in 2007. He said the study results will be used as a basis for the new guidelines. Tommy Krantz with Precision, Mike Gregory with Ace Plumbing and Greg Nalls with MWS will meet to review alternatives. It was stated that it took less expertise to fit compressions.

It was mentioned that meter parts vendors need to know when new parts are required so they can ensure the parts are in stock for the plumbers.

The MWS meter shop will research the curb stop issue to ensure the parts will be furnished to the plumbers. Gail, Lamberth & Son, brought in an assembly that she her company had purchased.

The Meter Inspection Process was reviewed. Several attendees stated the 10 days before the initial inspection was too short. After discussing, it was decided that we would extend the initial inspection to 14 days. The effective date for the 14 day initial inspection will be June 1, 2006.

The Request for Permits form was discussed. The new form is needed as a result of our new permitting system. More information from the plumbers is required to assist MWS in completing the service meter permit in the KIVA system.

Run to curb (RTC) data is needed before we can issue service meter permits. To ensure RTC measurements are in the system when the plumbers call for a service meter permit, Wes Gullatte, MWS Engineering, is working on this issue. If anyone has to wait longer than one week for their RTC data, he/she should notify Mary Ellen Jackson.

If there is no sewer approval permit, there will be no water connections. Gary Ragland, Mike Morris, Mary Ellen Jackson and Ronnie Russell will meet to review this issue.

Gary discussed the customer letter regarding the new fire hydrant policy. Any contractors using fire hydrant meters should be sent the new policy. There will be a

second letter sent out if the meter is not brought back in according to the policy. If there is no response from the second letter, another letter will go out and the contractor will be subject to a citation. Chris asked about moving the meter around to various fire hydrants and Gary stated it was okay to move the meter if the Meter Shop is notified.

The Annual TAC meeting will take place in October during the National Drinking Water Week. Gail McQuiston, Rick Jones, and Sue Myers volunteered to assist in finding a guest speaker for the meeting.

Within the next month, the updated guidelines will be mailed out.

It was mentioned that meter parts suppliers want to be a part of the TAC. Will take this under advisement.

Richard Smith asked there was a resolution for the sprinkler reps pulling meters.

The June 21 meeting will take place at ABC on Elm Hill Pike. Rick Jones will arrange this for us and confirm.