

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

April 29, 2021

The Board of Public Works convened in regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. Board members present were Wick Jacobi, President; Ken Bryant, Vice President; Steve Mills, Secretary and Spencer Fricke, Member. City Council Member Dewey Hendrix was also present.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills. The minutes of the April 15th meeting were approved as printed on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root presented the bids received to purchase a new replacement for truck #302. Three bids were received and opened on April 23: Elmer Hare Ford - 2022 F450 - \$45,383, Marshall Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge - Ram 3500 - \$53,072, Joe Machens Chrysler - Ram 3500 - \$47,000. After reviewing the bids, Director Root recommended the low bid from Elmer Hare Ford. He also stated truck #302 would be moved to Electric Production. On a motion made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Fricke, the Board approved accepting the low bid from Elmer Hare Ford Sales for a 2022 Ford F-450 in the amount of \$45,383.

Director Root then requested approval to replace the department's cable locator. It is a 2005 model that is used for the Missouri One Call locates, and also to locate faults on underground secondary lines; it will be kept as a spare. The new one will be similar to the one that the IT & Broadband is purchasing and will have fault finding capabilities. On a motion made by Mr. Fricke, seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved purchasing a new cable locator using quotes.

Director Root then updated the Board regarding the switchgear bids for the Southeast Substation that were opened April 23. They have been sent to the Engineer for review and a recommendation will be made soon. The annual tree trimming/brush spraying project has been pushed back due to Poor Boy Tree Service being short staffed. Crews continue to work on replacing the underground at the viaduct, as weather permits; it should be completed in a week or two.

Electric Production Director Carl Crawford requested approval for maintenance work to be performed on unit #6. It was last overhauled in 2004, and rebuilt in 2015. Since its been several years since any maintenance was done on the combustion portion of this unit it is recommended to perform a minor combustion and bore scope inspection. On a motion made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board approved performing a minor combustion and bore scope inspection on unit #6 by requesting proposals.

Director Crawford then reviewed proposals received to calibrate, adjust and repair unit #10 and #11 auxiliaries. Two proposals were received: Universal Plant Services - \$16,795 for one week. Cooper Machinery Services - \$9,782 for two days and \$2,149.85 per day for additional days. Both proposals include working 10-hour days, travel and housing. On a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Fricke, the Board accepted the proposal from Cooper Machinery Services in the amount of \$9,782 with an additional cost of \$2,149.85 per day for additional days if necessary.

Director Crawford provided an update on the Power Plant demolition. The project is wrapping up, but the concrete slab foundation needs to be removed. After reviewing the best way to do this, management would like to utilize Ahrens' alternate that was included in their original bid to complete the work for \$280,000 while the equipment was on site, which included backfilling with clean dirt. After discussing the alternate with Ahrens, a deduction of \$39,390 could be made if MMU would do the dirt backfill work. After consulting with Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper he agreed it was a good idea and it would provide a place for his crew to take dirt from their projects. Since it will take several years to fill in the area, Director Piper stated his crew would contour and grade the area for water run-off weekly. Director Crawford added there will be a 6 foot fence around this area. On a motion made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Fricke, the Board agreed to accept Ahrens alternate to remove slabs and foundations 2' below grade with a \$39,390 deduction for MMU doing backfill for a total of \$240,610.

Director Crawford stated work at the Water Treatment Plant on the filter basin piping is going well and is moving along. Chris Johnson has returned as a temporary part-time employee to assist the dispatchers; Mr. Jacobi expressed his gratitude to him for coming in to assist MMU's needs.

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Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper discussed reservoir #3. The mixers failed in February, they were under warranty and replacements have already been received. However, divers are needed to install them. In two years, the tank is scheduled to be cleaned and inspected. Director Piper suggested having the cleaning and inspection done while we have divers on site installing the mixers. On a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Fricke, the Board agreed to request bids to inspect, clean and install mixers in reservoir #3.

Director Piper then stated that work on the cross-town water main tie and the North English sewer main project have started and both are going well.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Nolan Townsend reported the UV disinfection system has been running for a full month.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel has requested a permit to cross Highway 65 at the Water Treatment Plant; he hopes to pull fiber there next week. The plow that will be demonstrated was dropped off at the Warehouse; he is hoping to use it tomorrow.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss updated the Board on several projects. The wash water recovery pumps are up and going with no issues. The surface wash line replacement is progressing; one filter has been completed.

Human Resource Manager Megan Baldrige congratulated employees of Electric Production on 2 years with no recordable injuries, as of April 18th. She is getting the wage and benefit review wrapped up. Two new employees have been hired and started as General Maintenance/Meter Readers in Underground Facilities; one more of these positions is vacant and remains to be filled. She is busy scheduling interviews for the Fiber Technician for next week. There haven't been many inquiries for the temporary summer positions.

Controller Tony Bersano presented the six-month cash and investment summary and went over the financials and cash summary for March. He then informed the Board of a program, State Assistance for Housing Relief (SAFHR), funded from the COVID-19 Economic Relief bill. It was opened April 1, and will provide financial assistance of up to 12 months of rent and utility assistance, if customers meet the eligibility requirements. The utility payments will be made directly to MMU for all eligible participants. MMU customers can visit www.mohousingresources.com to see if they are eligible and apply.

On a motion by Mr. Fricke, seconded by Mr. Bryant, accounts payable were approved and warrants ordered issued from the following funds:

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 141,926.10
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 526,634.80
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 65,915.24
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 66,640.20
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,587.58
ELECTRIC CONSUMER DEPOSIT FUND	\$ 5,600.00
Total	\$ 809,303.92

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, May 13th, 2021.

On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:13 a.m.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
/s/ Steve Mills, Secretary