

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

January 12, 2023

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

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Fricke, with a vote of 3-0.

On a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Hines, the following Board of Public Works officers were elected by acclamation for 2023, following historical rotations.

Steve Mills, President
Spencer Fricke, Vice President
Chuck Hines, Secretary
Ken Bryant, Member

Mr. Mills assumed the Chair.

The minutes of the December 29th Board meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Fricke, with a vote of 3-0.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss presented proposals for replacing the filter influent valve and actuators. Superintendent Boss explained that the budget amount listed in the packet was for the work to be done using in-house labor, but after further investigation of the project, he felt it was not safe for his crew to perform the work. The valves are 16” and 18”, approximately 10’ above the floor, and too high to do safely without the proper equipment. The Board commended the staff for doing a hazard risk assessment and deciding not to use in-house labor.

Alliance Pump & Mechanical Svc, Inc. Independence, MO 64050	\$107,949.00
SMI-CO Contracting Group, LLC Odessa, MO 64076	\$105,600.00

Mr. Hines made a motion to accept the proposal from SMI-CO Contracting Group LLC to replace 5 influent valves and actuators for \$105,600.00. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root requested approval to replace the Ditch Witch mini skid steer #333. The current one, used by both the Electric Distribution and IT & Broadband departments, is a 2010 model SK650. The old one would be kept and used as a backup/spare. Mr. Bryant made a motion to request bids for a new mini skid steer and trailer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Root then requested guidance on the replacement of truck #302. In April 2021, a replacement truck for #302 was ordered through Elmer Hare Ford. He received an email from Elmer Hare Ford indicating the truck order has been canceled by the manufacturer. Director Root stated he had checked the state contract site, but due to the current market, there is no fixed pricing available. Mr. Bryant made a

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motion to reject the previous bid for truck #302 through Elmer Hare Ford and request bids for a new super-duty cab and chassis. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Root then updated the Board and provided pictures of what was found on the Miami 1 tap changer. Waukesha has evaluated everything, made a list of materials, and will be back the second week of February to do the repairs. While investigating the tap changer, they found a leak between the main tank and the tap changer tank, which will also be fixed while they are on site.

Controller Tony Bersano presented an updated broadband interdepartmental loan and amortization schedule for round #2 of the broadband grant. Mr. Hines made a motion to approve the updated Interdepartmental loan from the Electrical Department to the IT & Broadband Department in the amount of \$2.5 million to meet the 25% match required for the second round USDA Broadband Grant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fricke, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller provided an update on unit #6; the turning gear was repaired and reinstalled. It has been tested and is back in the market. Cummins was on-site to check Unit #8, but the breaker failed to open while they were checking it. They took the breaker from unit #7 and installed it on unit #8, and it worked well. They will be repairing the breaker from unit #8.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Lab Technician Eric Perkins reported on the aeration/final clarifier project. The dissolved oxygen (DO) and oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) probes are working. The actuator valves for the blowers are working. Enviro-Line is working on fixing an issue with the diffuser system. The crew has completed the cleaning and demolition of the third clarifier. Nolan is working on a punch list of items for the contractor.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper presented bids for purchasing a truck to replace #201.

#08-23-UF One (1) half-ton, FWD Opened 1/11/2023	Bid	Make & Model	Delivery Time
Elmer Hare Ford Marshall, MO 65340	\$41,550.00	2023 F-150	4 months
W-K Sedalia, MO 65301	\$36,249.95	2023 Chevy 1500 Silverado	10-12 weeks on order (1 on lot as of 1/9/2023)

Two bids were received, one from Elmer Hare Ford and one from W-K. The low bid came from W-K, however, the one on the lot has been sold, but they can get another one by the first of next week for an additional \$664.05 which still makes it the low bid of \$36,914.00. Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid from W-K in the amount of \$36,914.00 for a 2023 Chevy 1500 Silverado half-ton pick-up. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fricke, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported the crews have blown in another 7,000' of fiber in the 200th area on January 11th; the crew is having problems with the air compressor, but is working through them. They are two-thirds complete with installing the fiber and 30% on splicing. He stated half of the customers in the Highway WW have been installed. Coleman has started on the Round 2 Grant south of town.

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Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige reported a conditional offer has been made for one of the General Maintenance/Meter Reader positions in Underground Facilities; she is working on the pre-employment screening. She congratulated the Electric Distribution personnel for working 2 years with no recordable injuries as of January 5th and Underground Facilities has worked 1 year with no recordable injuries as of January 10th.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported on the Peer Review Summary, he has condensed the completed ones. He is working on addressing the changes to the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) regarding pole space and will review all the pole attachment agreements. He and Electric Production Director Jarad Muller will be attending a Generation Round-table next week.

Mr. Hines made a motion to approve and issue warrants from the following funds for cash disbursements to accounts payable.

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 200,251.71
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,275,526.43
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 174,254.88
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 283,133.70
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 395.32
Total	\$ 1,933,562.04

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and passed with a vote of 3-0.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, February 2nd, 2023.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:14 a.m. to go into Executive Session to discuss matters under Mo Rev. Stat. 610.021 (Supp. 2009) legal, confidential, or privileged information [1], the motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

Roll call: Ken Bryant yes
 Chuck Hines yes
 Spencer Fricke yes
 Steve Mills yes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
/s/ Chuck Hines, Secretary