

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

February 16, 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 Steve Mills, President; Spencer Fricke, Vice President; Chuck Hines, Secretary, and Ken Bryant, Member.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Fricke, with a vote of 3-0. The minutes of the February 3rd Board meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Byant, seconded by Mr. Hines, with a vote of 3-0.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root presented the bids received to replace truck #302. Three dealers responded with five bids as outlined below.

#13-23-ED Cab & Chassis February 7, 2023	Bid	Make and Model	Delivery Time
Rush Truck Center Kansas City, MO 64161	\$69,368.00	International CV515 4X4	Approx 210-300 days
Elmer Hare Ford Sales, Inc. Marshall, MO 65340	\$61,000*	Ford F450	*we are submitting a bid and have no remaining allocation for the 2023 model year. I am ok with submitting the order just in case one of our others orders becomes unbuildable. For one of the other orders to become unbuildable is a fair assumption. We can't promise it will be built this year. But we will do everything possible within our power to deliver you a truck.
W-K Sedalia, MO 65301	\$66,500	'23 Ram 3500	10-12 weeks
	\$53,355	'23 GMC 3500	Pending availability 4-6 wks
	\$52,287	'23 Chevy 3500	Pending availability 4-6 wks

Mr. Hines made a motion to accept the bid from W-K for a 2023 Chevrolet 3500 for a total of \$52,287 with the option to purchase from W-K a 2023 GMC 3500 for a total of \$53,355 in the event the Chevrolet 3500 cannot be located. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Root also presented the bids received for replacing the Ditch Witch mini skid #333. It is a 2010 model, used by the Electric Distribution Department and the IT & Broadband Department. Plans are to keep it as a spare. Four bids were received from two vendors; each vendor bid direct, and through Sourcewell.

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

#12-23-ED Mini Skid Steer February 7, 2023	Bid	Make and Model	Delivery Time
Ditch Witch Sales – (Direct) Sullivan, MO 63080	\$65,675.00	SK800	6 months
Ditch Witch Sales – (Sourcewell) Sullivan, MO 63080	\$62,563.46	SK800	6 months
Vermeer Great Plains – (Direct) Olathe, KS	\$70,958.00	Vermeer S925TX	July 2023
Vermeer Great Plains – (Sourcewell) Olathe, KS	\$65,883.91	Vermeer S925TX	tbd

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the Sourcewell bid from Ditch Witch for a new SK800 mini skid steer with trailer and attachments for a total of \$62,563.46. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Root then updated the Board on the Miami 1 transformer load tap changer (LTC) repair. The crew from Waukesha arrived on February 14th, their equipment arrived on February 15th, and they started today. They will stay on-site until the project is complete with MMU crews assisting as needed.

Director Root also updated the Board on the Miami 2 transformer LTC repairs. He has been informed that the vacuum interrupter that was damaged at the factory will be replaced at no cost to the Utility.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Nolan Townsend asked for approval to request bids to replace the waste aeration blowers. They have been in service since 1993, they have been rebuilt several times and are starting to become unreliable. Mr. Bryant made a motion to request bids for two (2) new waste aeration blowers, including installation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fricke and passed by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Townsend reported on the aeration/final clarifier project. He received the final punch list and letter of substantial completion on February 15th; the project should be complete in mid-March. He has been fielding calls regarding the LED lighting bids. Ace Pipe Cleaning was on site to discuss pumping out the headworks and removing the grit before the new equipment gets installed. Three contractors have come to look at removing the solids from the north aeration basin.

Controller Tony Bersano presented a revised letter of engagement from the auditors. This change is because MMU spent more than \$750,000 in federal funds during the 2021/2022 fiscal year. The cost of the audit has increased to \$23,500 from the original amount of \$21,000. Mr. Bryant made a motion to authorize the Board President to sign the revised letter of understanding for the September 30, 2022 audit with Gerding, Korte & Chitwood. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines, and approved by a vote of 3-0.

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

Controller Bersano then stated he had met with Toth & Associates to discuss the time-of-use rates and is gathering information for them.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller provided an update on the genset breakers; the last one has been returned and all three are back on their original units. Director Muller then reported he had received quotes for two of the four circulating water pumps of units #10 and #11; one was \$26,184 and the other was \$26,868. It will take 13 weeks for repairs to be completed. He is working on options for treating the water and will wait until fall to have the other two repaired.

Chief Engineering Technician Cody Boston reported for Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper. Crews repaired an 8" water main on South Odell Avenue and had to remove one of the pine trees.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported the crews are 40% complete with blowing fiber in the Shackleford area. It's been too wet to blow fiber on Highway 20, but the crews were able to blow in about 6,500' on the side roads. The Electricians should be finished programming the fogger PLC next week.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported he and Controller Bersano met with Toth & Associates on time-of-use rates, and they met with Tyler yesterday on the time-of-use billing. He has reached out to several entities to help educate the customers. The Annual Report will be in the next Board Packet, and he'll present it to the City Council at their March 6th meeting.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 184,429.35
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,058,828.50
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 310,409.24
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 95,362.36
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,701.88
Total	\$ 1,651,731.33

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

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

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:02 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
_____, Secretary