

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

July 14, 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; Chuck Hines, Secretary; and Ken Bryant, Member. Spencer Fricke, Vice President was absent. Also present was Missouri State Representative Kurtis Gregory.

The agenda was approved on a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, with a vote of 2-0. The June 29th and July 7th Board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, with a vote of 2-0.

In business from the audience, Representative Kurtis Gregory announced the award of close to 4 million dollars to the utilities for water main upgrades and studies at the water treatment plant. The Board and General Manager Jeff Bergstrom expressed their thanks for his work on bringing those funds to the community.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper requested approval from the Board to purchase a new large-format printer/scanner. The current one gets used by all departments, is approximately 14 years old, and has failed several times. Preliminary research estimates the cost for a new one to be \$8,495.00. Mr. Hines made a motion to purchase a new 36" large format printer/scanner using quotes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 2-0.

Director Piper reported attending the kick-off meeting for the smoke testing project on July 6th. Burns & McDonnell is coordinating the communication of the project with the fire department, police department, and public using various forms of media and crews plan to start during the third week of August. Mr. Mills asked about the valve project for the southwest lift station and the painting project for the water tower interior. Director Piper replied that he is looking into options for the valve project so the lift station will not be out of service for an extended period and the water tower painting will be scheduled for the fall when the water demand is lower.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins reported the west bar screen was repaired on July 12th, and the spreader truck repairs have been completed and it was returned yesterday.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported construction grant #1 project is complete. Crews and the contractor are working on the first contract of grant #2 and will be starting the second contract soon. The USDA will be visiting on July 19th to review the projects and their progress.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported crews are working on locating the buried utilities for the overhead to underground conversion in the easement between South Drive and Morrow Street. The pole inspections are going well, the contractor informed him they should be finished next week. The LED lighting upgrade in the Electric Distribution building is almost complete, then crews will move to the Underground Facilities building.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller reported he is working with Ethos Energy on Unit #6. They think the best option is to open the case and clean it, but there is the potential a complete overhaul will be needed. A technician will be on-site July 17th to do an initial inspection. Director Muller then

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reported that the circulating water pumps for Units #10 and #11 are ready and will be picked up next week.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss reported there was a local farmer that wanted 30 loads of lime; so far, he has hauled 16 loads of lime.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported for Controller Tony Bersano. Controller Bersano met with the City, and RTS to open a line of communication for questions MMU staff is asked by customers. Mr. Hines commented on the meeting he and Controller Bersano had with the City regarding donated utilities. Controller Bersano is working on a proposal for the City and will meet again towards the beginning of the year.

Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige reported there have been two offers made, pending pre-employment screening, for Electric Production Systems Maintenance Mechanic and that the additional hire is to prepare for future retirements in that department. The pre-employment screening is almost complete for the IT & Broadband General Maintenance/Groundman. The annual first aid/CPR/AED training is scheduled for the last week of September.

General Manager Bergstrom presented an update to the MMU Street Lighting Policy. The last time it had been updated was 1997, and the switch from hi-pressure sodium to LED fixtures needed to be reflected in the document. Mr. Hines made a motion to approve the Street Lighting Policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 2-0.

General Manager Bergstrom then reported several items. The groundbreaking for the NAPA auto parts hub/retail space will be at 2 p.m. today in the MSDC Industrial Park. He received notification yesterday from USDA of supplemental funding and a time extension for grants #1 and #2. He attended the MoPEP and a demand-side management meeting yesterday. Highlights from those meetings are: capacity is short, SPP increased the resource adequacy requirements from 12% to 15%, and they are changing how units are accredited. He has been speaking with leads to haul lime waste from the Water Treatment Plant, and Director Boss is researching a lime spreader truck. The time-of-use rate project is moving forward; Director Root is working on getting the metering program and Controller Bersano is working on getting the module for the billing system.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 341,420.58
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,457,509.07
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 184,967.88
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 111,597.28
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 746.07
Total	\$ 2,096,240.88

The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved with a vote of 2-0.

In other business, Mr. Hines asked for clarification on Miami #1 substation in the Electric Distribution Department report. Director Root explained the limitations but added that substation was in the budget for an upgrade.

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Mr. Mills presented General Manager Bergstrom with his work anniversary package. He congratulated General Manager Bergstrom on his 35 years of service with a lapel pin, letter of recognition, and a gift card and stated the Boards appreciation for doing an outstanding job.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, August 3rd, 2023.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:15 a.m. by a vote of 2-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
/s/Chuck Hines _____, Secretary