

## MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340

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June 27, 2024

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 Chuck Hines, President; Ken Bryant, Vice President; and Steve Mills, Secretary. Wick Jacobi, Member attended via phone. Also present were Mayor Vince Lutterbie, and City Council Member Drew Green.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, with a vote of 3-0. The June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hines mentioned the property damage incident reported involved phone lines that were unmarked and inactive.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller updated the Board on the 85/15 West Central Solid Waste District Region F grant application. The District approved MMU's baler application. Due to lower-than-expected funds, they increased MMU's match portion to 40%, which would increase the amount the Board previously approved from \$45,922.75 to \$117,485.00. After discussion, Mr. Mills made a motion to accept the grant from the West Central Solid Waste Management District Region "F" for the purchase of a new auto tie baler. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Muller updated the Board on Unit #6: he informed them that Ethos will have a new project manager as of next week, things continue to move forward and August is the goal.

Controller Tony Bersano presented bids for a new concrete pad behind the Warehouse. Bids opened on June 14<sup>th</sup> were received from three companies: Freedom Excavating LLC, Ludlow, MO - \$28,000; Corbett Construction, Knob Noster MO - \$47,440; and Septagon Construction, Sedalia, MO - \$31,870. Mr. Mills asked if the bid was distributed to any local companies. Controller Bersano stated several local companies had called inquiring and expressed interest, but none submitted a bid. Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid from Freedom Excavating LLC in the amount of \$28,000. Mr. Mills seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Controller Bersano added the time-of-use configuration was completed on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Reporting for Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper, Chief Engineering Technician Cody Boston presented bids for painting the wet interior of the water tower. During the last inspection in 2017, it was recommended the interior be sandblasted and recoated in the next few years. Bids were opened June 19<sup>th</sup> from three companies: Hanaco LLC, Wichita Falls, TX - \$135,000; Viking Painting LLC, LaVista NE - \$172,900; Maguire Iron Inc., Sioux Falls, SD - \$95,000. Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid from Maguire Iron Inc. in the amount of \$95,000. Mr. Mills seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Technician Boston reported crews had worked to repair several water main breaks and replaced valves.

Technician Boston also asked for the Board's approval to request bids for purchasing a new truck to replace #403, a 2013 Ford F350 4X4 diesel with 82,102 miles and 8,561 hours. It will be transferred to the mechanic shop to replace their 2006 F350 truck. Mr. Mills made a motion to request bids for a new one-ton, diesel, 4X4 cab and chassis. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

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Technician Boston reported that Visu-Sewer started installing liners for the 2024 CIPP project on the 17<sup>th</sup>, they have had issues with their equipment causing the project to continue for another week or so.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel requested approval to request bids for purchasing a new, small 4X4 or AWD truck that could be used for internet customer support calls outside the city. Mr. Hines asked that quotes for a hybrid be included. Mr. Bryant made a motion to request bids for a small pickup. Mr. Mills seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Widel added they had rented a high-flow air compressor and they continue to evaluate it. He had been waiting on MoDOT about permit questions so he submitted the permit application and received it for signatures on the 26<sup>th</sup>. There has been some trouble with some of the boxes getting overheated. An updated county-wide progress map was provided. He is working on bumping up the capacity of the smallest of the three lines from 5 to 10 gigabytes and is working on changing some caching.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins requested approval to request bids for doing asphalt crack seal, overlay, and repairs to the driveway. Most of the driveway was laid in 2008 and has started cracking and has weeds growing through it. Additionally, the asphalt on the south end of the plant toward the aeration basin needs to be milled and overlay done. Mr. Mills made a motion to request bids for asphalt crack seal, overlay, and repairs to the Wastewater Treatment Plant driveway. Mr. Bryant seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 3-0.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss updated the Board on the well maintenance; a section of leaking pipe was replaced on well #10, and well #4 will need to be relined, but he won't have the report of the video inspection done on it until later today. He hasn't received any additional quotes for disposing of the hydrofluosilicic acid.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported on the overhead line conversion to underground. The primary and secondary conductors have been pulled in and terminated and they should be energized soon, then services will be connected. Letters are being mailed to the next area to be done. He also added an update on the overhead door project; three doors on the south side have been replaced and the contractor will begin maintenance on the others next week.

Mr. Hines inquired about the succession planning meeting that Human Resource Manager Megan Baldrige presented in the Board packet. She replied it was a recommendation from the MPUA Peer Review the utilities had done a few years ago and she will have a new policy for them to review in the future.

In the absence of General Manager Jeff Bergstrom, Mr. Mills asked Controller Bersano about the call between Burns & McDonnell regarding the DNR funding. Controller Bersano responded that DNR might award it this week or next and then once project invoicing is submitted it may take 2-4 weeks to get reimbursed.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 139,329.63
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 719,529.95
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 85,823.34
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 112,824.65
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,420.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,059,927.57</b>

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved with a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Bryant commented the North Street Pump Station renovations looked good.

Mr. Hines asked Director Muller where crews cut the wall of the old cooling tower basin. Director Muller replied it is just west of the Recycle Center building and will be used as storage.

The next Regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:56 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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