

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340

July 11, 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 Wick Jacobi, Member. Steve Mills, Secretary, was absent.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Jacobi, with a vote of 2-0. The June 27th meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Jacobi, with a vote of 2-0.

Mr. Hines noted no injury or property damage incidents since the last meeting.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel requested approval to purchase a new backyard machine (small plow) to replace the current one as it has had a catastrophic engine failure. The machine, purchased in 2013, is used daily for customer drops, other digging, and various reel-handling jobs. It will be replaced with another Ditch Witch so attachments won't have to be replaced. Pricing through the Sourcewell bidding contract is \$44,884.44. Controller Tony Bersano stated he is working on a letter asking USDA if it can be included in the grant, but it's too necessary to wait for them to respond. Mr. Bryant made a motion to purchase a new Ditch Witch SK1050C for \$44,884.44 using the Sourcewell contract. Mr. Jacobi seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of 2-0.

Director Widel added he plans to include a new air compressor in next year's budget to replace the 30-year-old one they are using. He has received two servers for the memory caching and is working on getting them configured and installed.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller informed the Board there is no update on Unit #6 as they are working to restore power in Ethos' area due to Hurricane Beryl. The circulating water pumps for units #10 and #11 have been received and were installed yesterday, the electricians are working on wiring and testing them today.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported the Boyd Street water main replacement was flushed and disinfected, crews found a gasket in need of repair. They will start moving services over next week. Missouri Public Service Commission will be on-site July 16th for their annual inspection.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported on the overhead line conversion to underground; the underground circuit has been energized and they are working on connecting services.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins reported a mixer in the aeration basin had to be pulled to repair the guide pole, the bolts had backed out where it attaches to the guide pole. He had met with Burns & McDonnell and Enviroline to look at it. Enviroline will send a crew out to inspect everything. He has received the equipment costs for the UV disinfection project. The plant held up well with all the rain received over the last few days.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss updated the Board on the well maintenance; after reviewing the video inspection of well #4 there is no need for it to be relined, they will reinstall the pump and put it back in the inspection rotation.

Controller Tony Bersano reported the new concrete pad behind the Warehouse was started and completed last week. He updated the interest rates on all the interdepartmental loans based on T-bill rates, they

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increased slightly. He reported that the first of the time-of-use bills had been mailed out and went over the format. He added that right now these bills are for purposes of testing the software and that time-of-use rates are not available yet.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported he is waiting on a response from Burns & McDonnell about the DNR’s compliance certification for the North Street Pump Station project. He and Superintendent Perkins are working on a negotiated purchase for the UV project with Burns & McDonnell. He and Director Muller met with MEC on July 9th to discuss details for the Marshall generation project. The alternate funding for the Region F grant was accepted.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 189,327.12
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,634,925.07
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 204,559.02
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 105,987.74
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 326.56
Total	\$ 2,135,125.51

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

The next Regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 1st, 2024.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Jacobi, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:09 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 2-0.

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/s/ Steve Mills, Secretary