

## MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340

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August 29, 2024

The Board of Public Works convened in a regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:00 a.m. Board members present were Chuck Hines, President; Ken Bryant, Vice President; Steve Mills, Secretary; and Wick Jacobi, Member.

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, with a vote of 3-0. The August 15<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 noted no injury or property damage incidents since the last meeting.

Controller Tony Bersano presented the budget for fiscal year 2024/2025. He noted one change as a result of the work session held on August 26<sup>th</sup> was to include evaluation and review of the 12" water transmission line in the water distribution master plan update. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 for MMU as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobi and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Controller Bersano requested to eliminate the electric cost adjustment of -7.5%. Mr. Hines mentioned that this was recommended by Toth & Associates from the rate study. General Manager Bergstrom added that this will take MMU back to the 2020 electric rates. Mr. Mills made a motion to remove the electric cost adjustment of -7.5% effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobi and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Controller Bersano requested approval to implement time-of-use rates as an option for residential electric customers. This option will allow residential customers to take advantage of lower costs during off-peak times. Mr. Jacobi made a motion to approve the optional Residential Time-of-Use electric rate effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper presented bids for replacing truck #403. Two bids were received and opened August 14<sup>th</sup>: Roberts Chevrolet Buick, Platte City MO - Chevy Silverado 3500 HD - \$52,959.24; and Elmer Hare Ford, Marshall MO – Ford F350 - \$57,897.00. Director Piper informed the Board that these bids were for the cab and chassis only, and that the bed will still have to be purchased and installed. Mr. Mills made a motion to accept the bid from Roberts Chevrolet Buick for \$52,959.24. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Piper then provided an update on the North Street Pump Station project. The switchgear arrived and the electricians are working on moving the generator before taking the station out of service.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller requested approval to solicit bids for purchasing an auto tie baler for the Recycle Center using grant funds from the Region F Solid Waste District. Mr. Jacobi made a motion to request bids for a new auto tie baler for the Recycle Center. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Muller updated the Board on unit #6; an update call is scheduled for August 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the blades that were sent to Italy. The breaker that caused unit #7 to fail last week has inspected and was found to have some areas chewed on and other areas were out of tolerance; it is being rebuilt. Units #10, #11, #8

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and #9 were called to run August 26th; unit #11 had a problem with the sync check relay; it was fixed, reran on Tuesday and it ran fine.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins stated the gates and actuators for the UV system have been ordered.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss updated the Board on the well maintenance; well #4 pump is in need of repair. The proposal from C & B Equipment was provided outlining the repairs and cost. Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the proposal from C & B Equipment in the amount of \$21,160.00 for the well #4 pump repair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported on the overhead to underground line conversion; all circuits have been moved to the underground line and they are wrecking out the old overhead conductors and transformers. The A-sub recloser replacement is expected to begin soon.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel provided a map showing the progress of fiber throughout the county. Crews are working in the northern portion of the county. The small plow/backyard machine is in Moberly being repaired. A certified letter requesting a response was sent to Midwest Excavation and Landscaping last week.

Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige presented a copy of a draft Succession Planning Policy.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported he had been working with staff and Controller Bersano on the 2024/2025 budget. He will be meeting a housing developer, as a representative of MSDC. He and Director Widel are working on furnishing the Hometown Grid with maps of the city. The generation project continues to move forward. He met with a business looking to relocate.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 162,738.94
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 313,385.82
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 169,271.29
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 71,777.71
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 107.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 717,281.56</b>

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

The next Regular Board meeting will be on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 8:27 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

/s/ Steve Mills, Secretary