

## MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

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October 10, 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; Steve Mills, Secretary; and Wick Jacobi, Member.

Mr. Hines acknowledged IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel on receiving the Paul Jensen Individual Achievement Award and Board Member Ken Bryant on receiving the Public Official Award from the Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA).

The agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, with a vote of 3-0. The September 25<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Jacobi, with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Hines noted no injuries or property damage incidents.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper asked for the Board's approval to request bids to replace the trailer-mounted sewer jetter. MMU's current one is a 2016 O'Brien with approximately 600 hours and has had to have the clutch replaced several times. Director Piper said he is looking into a different brand through Sourcewell. Mr. Bryant made a motion to authorize management to purchase a new trailer-mounted sewer jetter from Armour Equipment for up to \$100,000.00 through Sourcewell. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Piper provided an update on the painting of the water tower. The contractor is on site preparing to start the project; they are on schedule to have it back in service by October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Water Treatment Superintendent Travis Boss recommended requesting bids to replace the filter drain valves and actuators. The existing valves leak, will no longer seal completely and allow water to flow continuously into the lagoon. Mr. Mills made a motion to request proposals to replace the filter drain valves and actuators. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobi and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Boss then asked approval to replace filter surface wash valves and actuators. They also leak and use old, unreliable technology. Mr. Jacobi made a motion to request proposals to replace the filter surface wash valves and actuators. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Boss added the contractor will be here October 14<sup>th</sup> to start installing well #4. The door contractor is scheduled to install the last door and complete the punch list the second week of November. The lagoon cleaning contractor will be starting next week.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root requested approval to continue the tree trimming/brush spraying contract with Poor Boy Tree Service for the 2024/2025 budget year. This was originally bid and approved as a three-year contract in 2023. Mr. Mills made a motion to approve contract tree trimming for fiscal year 2024/2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobi and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Root added that the A substation recloser replacement and maintenance is going well and is halfway completed. A crew is scheduled to be here next week to repair the leak on Miami 1 transformer.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel requested approval to update the SCADA software for the water and wastewater servers. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve updating the driver SCADA software for 2 servers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Widel then updated the Board on the contractors installing conduit for the broadband grants and he is in the process of driving out the areas for the next round of bids.

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Electric Production Director Jarad Muller updated the Board on unit #6; Ethos has assigned MMU another new project manager. He spoke with them earlier this week and they stated the project continues to make progress. Director Muller then reported that the quarterly testing was done on unit #7 on October 7<sup>th</sup> and black-start testing was done on unit #9 on October 9<sup>th</sup>; all ran well.

Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Eric Perkins reported that Enviroline will be here the week of October 21<sup>st</sup> to work on the aeration basin mixers.

Human Resource Manager Megan Baldrige reported that the medical renewal hasn't been received yet, but has everything prepared to send requests for proposals to carriers. The annual Employee Appreciation Lunch will be on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Controller Tony Bersano stated he is working on the year-end financials and once those are completed he will update the Cash Reserve Policy for 2024/2025.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported on the Marshall Generation Project. There is a site layout meeting later today. General Manager Bergstrom has been in communication with DNR on the State Infrastructure Grant. The financial assistance agreement had been finalized.

General Manager Bergstrom then provided highlights of the MPUA Annual Conference. He congratulated the local award winners, Jim Widel and Ken Bryant, on their accomplishments. He said we can expect to start seeing peak alerts during the spring and fall months. General Manager Bergstrom added that staff was working on moving the Hometown Grid free trial "live" for customers.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 162,214.46
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,254,733.00
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 238,406.81
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 145,597.54
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,752.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,803,703.86</b>

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

The next Regular Board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:02 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

/s/ Steve Mills \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary