

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340

October 30, 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.

The agenda was amended to include an action item for General Manager Jeff Bergstrom regarding a Site Control Agreement for the Marshall Generation Project. Then the agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Bryant, with a vote of 3-0. The October 10th meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Jacobi, with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Hines noted the report-only injury and suggested a possible solution that may prevent a similar incident from happening again. He also noted the recordable and report-only injuries have surpassed last year's total and that we need to be aware of that.

Controller Tony Bersano presented an updated Cash Reserve Policy for the budget year 2024-2025. Mr. Jacobi made a motion to approve the Marshall Municipal Utilities Cash Reserve Policy minimum and maximum reserve levels for the budget year 2024-2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Controller Bersano then presented and discussed the cash and investment summary, budget financial summary, and loan balance summary for the fiscal year-end.

Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige presented the employee medical health benefits renewal for 2025. The original renewal offer from Blue KC for medical insurance was an overall increase of 4.9%, which is below expectations and budget. After marketing MMU's group to other carriers, Blue KC's final renewal offer is an overall increase of 2.9%. After discussion, Mr. Mills made a motion to accept medical insurance renewal from Blue KC, as presented, effective January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobi and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Manager Baldrige presented the employee ancillary (dental, vision, life, disability, voluntary) health benefits. The renewal offer from MetLife is below budget. Proposals were requested from eight companies to compare with the current carrier MetLife, but their proposals were inferior. She added that in the last 35 years, the volume of basic life insurance had never increased from the current amount of \$20,000. Manager Baldrige recommended renewing ancillary coverage with MetLife and increasing the basic life insurance coverage to \$35,000. Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept ancillary insurance renewal from MetLife, as presented, effective January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Manager Baldrige then informed the Board that MMU's Workers' Compensation Experience Modification Rating (EMR) will drop from 0.83 to 0.71 effective 4/1/2025. She added this is the best rating MMU has received according to records dating back 30 years.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper discussed the need to update the Water Distribution Master Plan and asked for the Board's approval to request qualifications for engineering services. The plan will update the water main replacements and additions to MMU's water distribution system, and review and evaluate the 12" water transmission line. This master plan has to be updated before any projects are added to the Owner Supervised Plan. Mr. Jacobi made a motion to authorize management to request

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qualifications for engineering services to update MMU's Water Master Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Piper provided an update on the painting of the water tower. The contractor was scheduled to finish up on October 27th, but they had a pump break and are waiting on a replacement. Crews were able to do the annual flushing without the tower. He has received confirmation from DNR that they have received MMU's lead service line inventory records.

Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Eric Perkins requested approval to replace several windows at the Wastewater Treatment Plant using quotes. Three are in the waste aeration building and one is in the return-activated sludge building. Mr. Bryant made a motion to replace the windows in the waste aeration and return activated sludge buildings using quotes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Perkins then reported that Burns & McDonnell was here on October 23rd to oversee KSB changing out bolts on the mixers and fixing a bracket on mixer 121, and they will be replacing the bent guide mast. He added that October 31st will be the last day for using the UV disinfection system.

Water Treatment Superintendent Travis Boss reported well #4 had been installed and the well maintenance project is complete. The free chlorine conversion started on October 22nd and went well.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported that PMRG started installing conduit on 65 Highway around the quarry on October 28th, and they are almost done. Director Widel said he will be inspecting it later today.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller reported he has a call with Ethos later today for an update on unit #6. The water treatment system for units #10 and #11 was completed yesterday. An electric motor for one of the circ water pumps for unit #10 went out, it will have to be rewound.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom presented the Site Control Agreement for the new generation project. It is required by the Southwest Power Pool as part of their application. Mr. Bryant made a motion to authorize the Board president to sign the Site Control Agreement and to request the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the Site Control Agreement between MMU/City and the Missouri Electric Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

General Manager Bergstrom then presented the annual funding agreement with Marshall-Saline Development Corporation (MSDC). It was agreed by consensus of the Board to continue the funding to MSDC.

General Manager Bergstrom continues to be in communication with DNR on the funding from the State Infrastructure Grant. He attended the Subdivision Advisory Board meeting regarding the new development on West Vest Street. He continues to work on the pole use and pole attachment agreements and has received a marked-up draft for review from Zito.

General Manager Bergstrom then provided an update from MSDC. They met with the owner of Gambino's Pizza; who is looking for franchisees. They are working with a potential developer from Carrollton who is interested in building small homes. The County Commission has signed a contract for

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constructing the Visitors Center and also stated Love's has committed to building at the Marshall Junction.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 807,326.55
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,200,335.81
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 292,451.73
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 117,751.36
WATER SEGREGATED	\$ 6,984.31
Total	\$ 2,424,849.76

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

The next Regular Board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 14th, 2024.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:26 a.m. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

/s/Steve Mills, Secretary