

## MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan  
Marshall, MO 65340

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December 11, 2024

The Board of Public Works convened in a regular session in the MMU Business Office 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 Controller Tony Bersano to adjust the BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) and TSS (Total Suspended Solids) rates. The amended agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, with a vote of 3-0. The November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Jacobi, seconded by Mr. Mills, with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Hines noted the injury and property damage incidents.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported MMU reached the subscriber goals for round 1 of the USDA Grant.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper reported receiving two RFQs for the Water Distribution Master Plan, which he is reviewing, and he will make a recommendation at a future meeting. He also reported a meeting is scheduled with Burns & McDonnell on December 20<sup>th</sup> to review the outstanding items of the North Street Pump Station project.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller reported the burner basket repairs for unit #6 are completed and he has an update call with Ethos later today. He added that quarterly testing is being done on units #7 and #8 today.

Controller Tony Bersano requested approval to adjust the BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) and TSS (Total Suspended Solids) rates for wastewater treatment. These rates are adjusted yearly for industrial customers. This year's recommended changes are to increase the BOD charge from \$0.24 to \$0.27 per pound and keep the TSS charge at \$0.24 per pound. Mr. Mills made a motion to set the rates for BOD at \$0.27 per pound and TSS at \$0.24 per pound effective January 1, 2025. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jacobi and approved by a motion of 3-0.

Controller Bersano added that he is working on requesting a reimbursement from the USDA for Grant #2.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported MMU had received a second round of reimbursement from DNR for the State Infrastructure Grant. He is working with the selection committee reviewing applications for the MPUA CEO search. He and Director Root are working with Lutz, Daily & Brain and MPUA to review bids for the new larger transformers for the Miami Substation. He attended an event to showcase the proposed new subdivision The Meadows at Harvest Creek.

General Manager Bergstrom reported on MSDC. They are working on the budget and filling the two at-large Board positions. Connor Swift has been promoted to Executive Director with plans to hire someone to fill a part-time position to assist him.

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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	\$ 158,028.17
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,281,832.97
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 227,552.93
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 239,350.27
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,767.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,909,531.35</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, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, at the Service Center Conference Room located at 1459 W. Arrow Street.

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

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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