

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

February 13, 2025

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 approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, with a vote of 3-0. The January 30th meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Mills, seconded by Mr. Jacobi, with a vote of 3-0. Mr. Hines noted no incidents for the period.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root requested approval to purchase a new tractor through Sourcewell to replace the 2012 Kubota. The tractor is used to mow right of way, for snow removal, and will assist with loading lime. It is currently on the lot at Marshall Service Co and can be delivered in a few weeks. Mr. Jacobi made a motion to accept the Sourcewell bid from Marshall Service Company for a new Kubota M5-091 HDC tractor for a total price of \$77,101.22. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Root then gave an update on the Miami 1 load tap changer; the parts are supposed to be completed this week and Waukesha will be here February 18th for installation.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel proposed increasing the speed for MMU’s internet, as outlined below, at no extra cost. Director Widel indicated it will take some time to make all the changes necessary to implement the speed increase for all customers and that it will likely be effective March 1.

Internet Rate Schedule			
Tier	Price	Current	Proposed
1	\$30	50Mbps download/25Mbps upload	100Mbps download/100Mbps upload
2	\$45	150Mbps download/75Mbps upload	250Mbps download/250Mbps upload
3	\$70	450Mbps download/225Mbps upload	1Gbps download/1Gbps upload

Mr. Mills made a motion to update the Internet Rate Schedule to set new download and upload speeds as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Widel added that the blowing machine has been repaired, returned, and is back in service.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss presented the second round of proposals for the removal of hydrofluorsilicic acid. Proposals were opened February 11th.

RFP #08-25-WTP Acid Removal	Proposal	Start Time
Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc Roxana, IL 62084	\$43,625.8 4	asap
Environmental Works, Inc Kansas City, KS 66105	\$57,370.6 0	2-3 weeks

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the proposal from Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc, Roxana IL for \$43,625.84. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mills and approved by a vote of 3-0.

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Electric Production Director Jarad Muller reported on unit #6; Ethos arrived on February 10th, the crane arrived on February 11th, the rotor and parts have started arriving. Director Muller added that units #10 and #11 ran several times over the last few weeks.

Mr. Hines stated he had received a letter from City Administrator JD Kehrman commending Director Muller and General Manager Jeff Bergstrom for their outstanding behavior and professionalism during a recent meeting between the City and one of their vendors; Mr. Hines thanked Director Muller as well.

Chief Engineering Technician Cody Boston reported the Underground Facilities crew is preparing for the cured-in-place-pipe project that will be starting soon.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins reported his crews had swapped mixer #121 and #122, due to broken bolts. He then gave an update of the UV project; floors have been grouted, the middle wall poured, they will start on the gates and baffles next week.

Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige congratulated Will Crisp on being selected as Employee of the Quarter for the quarter ending December 31, 2024. Manager Baldrige then stated the work zone and flagger training that had been scheduled for February 12th will be rescheduled.

Controller Tony Bersano reported the USDA audit went well.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported the City Council approved the street vacancies and he continues to work on the real estate purchase contract with the City Administrator and City Attorney for the Marshall Generation Project.

General Manager Bergstrom reported the MSDC Board meeting was February 11th; the budget was approved and officers were elected.

General Manager Bergstrom presented the MMU Annual Report for the Board to review before it is presented to the City Council, City Administrator and Mayor. Mr. Hines expressed his thoughts about verbiage used in the report concerning ownership of the utility and felt that section could be updated. General Manager Bergstrom responded that is based on how the utility was formed, and left the decision to make changes up to the Board. There was no action taken to make any change in that verbiage.

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

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 406,276.64
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,388,902.68
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 257,482.61
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 110,227.66
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 2,905.66
Total	\$ 2,165,795.25

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

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The next Regular Board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 27th, 2025, at the Service Center Conference Room located at 1459 W. Arrow Street.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Mills, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:08 a.m. to go into an executive session, following a 5-minute break, to discuss matters under Mo Rev. Stat. 610.021 (Supp. 2009) concerning: personnel actions [3]. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Roll call vote: Ken Bryant yes
 Steve Mills yes
 Chuck Hines yes
 Wick Jacobi yes

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

/s/ Steve Mills _____, Secretary