

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
OF THE
CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI

HELD ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY 2022

On the eleventh day of January 2022 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M. in the board room. The following members of the body were present:

Messrs: Jon Gilmore (via telephone), Tim Merideth, Steven Burch, Brian Menz

Absent:

Also Present: Brian Self, City Council Liaison; Joe Blanton, Legal Counsel; James McMillen, Chief of Police; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Lora Foust, Ron Priday, Erin Miller, and Tre Holley of the Utility Staff

Board Chairman Jon Gilmore attended the meeting via telephone. Vice Chairman Tim Meredith conducted the meeting. There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

Action on Agenda

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to accept the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Brian Menz and a roll call vote was held, all yes. The agenda was approved.

Action on Monthly Agenda Items

A motion was made by Brian Menz to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 14th and the motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore. A roll call vote was held, all yes. The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial

Marcia Witt, Finance Manager, presented the November 2021 financial reports.

Higher than average medical insurance claims created a need for two transfers to fund the health insurance account, as is common at the end of a calendar year. This increased G&A

expense on all departments, but a stop loss refund is expected in 2022 which will somewhat offset the extra expense.

The Electric Retail department had net income of \$102,279 for the month. Revenues were down due to 1.8% lower energy sales than the prior year. Expenses for the month included AMI annual support.

The Electric Wholesale system had net income of \$313,521 in November, with revenues higher than the prior year due to increased contract and spot sales. Coal costs increased with higher generation as well as an increase in transportation costs. Other expenses included tube and equipment repairs and environmental costs.

The Water Department had a net loss of \$2,798. Revenues included a rate increase but were offset by a decrease in water usage. Expenses for the month included AMI annual support.

The Sewer Department had net income of \$11,937. Revenues were higher than the same month last year due to a rate increase but were offset by a decrease in gallons billed. Expenses included rate consulting fees.

The Sewer Lagoon had net income of \$22,544 in November.

A motion to approve the report was made by Brian Menz and was seconded by Jon Gilmore. A roll call vote was held, all yes. The report of the Financial Department was approved.

Retail Operations

Jeff Winders, Operations Manager, presented the retail operations report. During the month of December, line crews began relocating a power line, installed temporary power at the Carlisle site, and installed power to a new strip mall. Substation crews worked on SCADA training and installation. The substation supervisor has been working with the engineering consultants on route planning and preparation for the 69kV sub-transmission extension to the new South Industrial Park and site plans for the new substation there.

Maximum daily water usage for December was 4.049 MGD. Water Treatment Plant #4 is progressing but slightly delayed due to material delivery delays. The plant is expected to be in operation in March 2022. The water and sewer distribution department has been replacing hydrants, installing valves, and performing normal maintenance. A contractor is currently re-lining several manholes and will work in the higher traffic areas at night.

The Water Department Emergency Operations Plan has been completed and Staff plans to start incorporating some of this plan in the Electric department as well.

A motion was made by Brian Menz to approve the Retail Operations Report. The motion was seconded by Steven Burch and a roll call vote was held, all yes. The Retail Operations report was approved.

Sikeston Power Station

Mark McGill, Plant Manager, presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for November 2021. The unit was derated and subsequently brought offline to repair boiler and heater tube leaks. Net capacity factor was 93%.

As of January 3rd, there were 144,000 tons of coal on the stockpile, or 44 days of supply. McGill reported that the unit is running well. Lightning strikes during recent storms affected some controls, but those have been fixed.

Staff is planning for the spring 2022 outage which will last about five weeks. Heater #6 will not be delivered in time for the outage so it will have to be put in the following year.

A motion was made by Steven Burch to approve the SPS Report. The motion was seconded by Brian Menz and a roll call vote was held, all yes. The SPS report was approved.

Semi-Annual Charge Offs

Lora Foust, Customer Service Manager, presented the semi-annual charge off list, which included uncollected accounts that had been closed in January-June of 2020 totaling \$111,875.69.

After the Board reviewed the list, a motion was made by Brian Menz to approve writing off the accounts. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Truck Bids

Mr. Winders presented bids for the replacement of three pickup trucks. All bids were within budget, with the lowest bids coming from Martindale Chevrolet in New Madrid.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to award the bids to Martindale Chevrolet and the motion was seconded by Steven Burch. A roll call vote was held, all yes.

Camera Bids

Mr. Winders presented bids for a sewer camera to replace an old, unreliable camera. The camera was not included in the current year budget, but Staff plans to use funds that were budgeted for a force main project which will not be done in the current year. One bid was received that met specifications, from Midwest Vac Products.

A motion was made by Brian Menz to award the bid to Midwest Vac Products. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

General Manager's Report

Mr. Landers updated the Board on the South Industrial Park substation and 69kV line extension. Refresco is still working on their wastewater sampler issues and Unilever plans to move forward with Wastewater Lagoon upgrades. Staff is waiting on notification from Ameren to finalize the North 61 customer annex and rate rider. Landers plans to present an MEUC power sales contract extension to the Board in its February meeting. Staff is getting advice and planning assistance from Chargepoint regarding electric vehicle chargers.

Spot prices averaged \$32.10 for the month of December and \$37.82 year to date.

A motion was made by Brian Menz to approve the General Manager's report. The motion was seconded by Steven Burch and a roll call vote was held, all yes.

Adjournment

With no need for an Executive Session, a motion to adjourn was made by Brian Menz and seconded by Jon Gilmore. A roll call vote was held, all yes. The Vice Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.


Secretary