

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

**HELD ON THE NINTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2018**

On the ninth day of January, 2018 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M. in the Board Room at the Utility office. The following members of the body were present:

**Messrs:** Brian Menz, Tim Merideth, Bob Smith

**Absent:** Alan Keenan

**Also Present:** Steven Burch, Mayor; J.D. Douglass, City Manager; Gerald Settles, City Council Member; Joe Blanton, Board Attorney; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Don Miller, Doug Shaw, Ron Priday, Erin Miller, Shane Davis of the Utility Staff

There being a quorum present, the following business was transacted:

**Action on Agenda**

There was no action on the agenda

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith. A roll call vote was held as follows, Smith, Menz, Merideth "Yes" The Agenda was approved.

**Action on Monthly Agenda Items**

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017. A motion was made by Tim Merideth and seconded by Bob Smith. A roll call vote was held as follows. Menz, Smith, Merideth "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

**Financial**

Finance Manager Marcia Witt presented the Financial Report for November, 2017. Witt reviewed and discussed the Electric System Wholesale and Retail Pro Forma reports. The Electric Retail System had a net income of \$154,800. Total kWh sales were up 4.2% over last year. Electric Wholesale showed a net income of \$610,902. Water Department had a net income of \$20,263. The Sewer Department had a net income of \$2,554. The Sewer Lagoon had

a net income of \$10,115.

A motion to approve the report was made by Bob Smith and was seconded by Tim Merideth. The following roll call vote was held. Merideth, Smith, Menz "Yes". The report of the Financial Department was approved.

### **Retail Operations**

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

Crews are repairing the transformer and transformer controls at the Coleman Substation. They also performed required testing of relays at Southeast Substation. Relays tested within tolerance.

Winders reported max water usage for the month of December 2017 at 3.96 MGD. While water usage is down we have scheduled water system maintenance projects. Discussed the repairs being done to the vac truck.

Winders reported on the water test drilling. Layne Arkansas completed drilling at the Illinois Avenue site. Results were not as good as we had hoped they would be. An alternate test drilling along Highway 61 south is being planned for early 2018.

Winders reported on the current status of the pole inspection project and the GIS mapping project.

Winders briefed the Board on the paint peeling problem on the Center Street water tank. The recent extremely cold weather has caused large areas of paint to peel and fall to the ground. Water crews are checking the areas around the tank daily and cleaning up the paint chips on the ground. This tank was last painted six years ago.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the Retail Operations Report. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith and the following roll call vote was held, Smith, Merideth, Menz "Yes". The Retail Operations Department Report was approved.

### **Sikeston Power Station**

Don Miller presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for November, 2017. There was one planned derate for the month. "A" mill tripped due to low lube oil flow. After the November reporting period the unit tripped again on December 24 due to the Turbine/Generator losing DC power to the vibration system. The unit was down for roughly 10.5 hours.

Miller reported the plant is running very well. Staff is working on the 2019 budgets and preparing for the 2018 outage.

Miller reviewed the coal stockpile estimates and daily coal usage. Both trains are still running. We plan to run both trains until the end of January and shut down one train. Miller reported on the current power pricing.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the SPS Report. The motion was

seconded by Bob Smith and the following roll call vote was held, Merideth, Menz, Smith “Yes”. The Report for the Sikeston Power Station was approved.

### **Semi-Annual Charge Offs**

Business Manager Doug Shaw presented the accounts to be charged off. These are accounts that have been closed and sent to Credit Bureau Services for collection. The set collection period has ended and the remaining balances are being charged off.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the Charge-Off list. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith and the following roll call vote was held, Merideth, Menz, Smith “Yes”. The list of accounts to be charged off was approved.

### **General Manager’s Report**

Steel Mill – Landers briefed Board on details to date.

Magnitude 7 – Landers updated the Board on progress.

Broadband – The project is ongoing. Currently working on a fiber audit.

Rate Study – Landers reported on progress on this project.

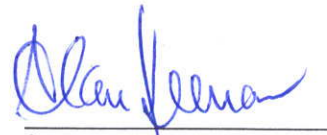
Landers reported that BMU will host a Customer Service training seminar on February 15, 2018. This seminar is sponsored by the Missouri Public Utilities Alliance. Employees from the City of Sikeston and Chamber of Commerce members have been invited to attend.

### **Executive Session**

The Chairman cited a need to enter Executive Session. Bob Smith made a motion to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Merideth, Smith, Menz “Yes”. The Board entered Executive Session. No business was transacted. Tim Merideth made a motion to adjourn Executive Session. Bob Smith seconded. Roll call vote, all yes.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Tim Merideth moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith and a roll call vote was held, all yes. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary