

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

HELD ON THE NINTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018

On the ninth day of October, 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, Alan Keenan

Absent: Bob Smith

Also Present: JD Douglass, City Manager; Gerald Settles, City Council; Steven Burch, Mayor; Jay Lancaster, Public Works Director; Joe Blanton, Board Attorney; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Don Miller, Doug Shaw, Ron Priday, of the Utility Staff; Leven Cox

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

City Presentation on DOC Grant

Mayor Steven Burch introduced Leven Cox. Cox was seeking permission from BMU to talk with the Missouri Department of Conservation on behalf of BMU and the City of Sikeston to explore the possibility of developing a nature trail along the walking paths at the former Bootheel Golf Course. Board members asked a number of questions of Cox and also sought input from City Manager JD Douglass. Several ideas were offered during the conversation. If granted permission by the BMU Cox will speak with the DOC and report back to BMU at a later meeting.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to allow Leven Cox to talk with the Missouri Department of Conservation regarding the Bootheel property. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows, Merideth, Keenan, Menz "Yes". Permission to talk with DOC was granted.

Action on Agenda

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Alan Keenan. A roll call vote was held as follows, Merideth, Keenan, Menz "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 September 11, 2018. A motion was made by Tim Merideth and seconded by Alan Keenan. A roll call vote was held as follows. Menz, Merideth, Keenan "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial

Finance Manager Marcia Witt presented the Financial Report for August 2018. The electric retail department had net income of \$384,694. Electric Wholesale had net income of \$71,709. Witt noted a number of factors affecting both the retail and wholesale electric departments this month. The Water Department had a net income of \$74,445. The Sewer Department had a net loss of \$15,195. The sewer lagoon had a net income of \$9,357.

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

Retail Operations

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

Electrical crews have been working outage calls and performing maintenance. We have hired JF Electric to replace some of our 69kV poles. JF had begun the project but then had to leave temporarily to assist in the restoration of the area hit by Hurricane Florence. They have returned and completed the work. Service Electric has been at Southwest Substation replacing gaskets and servicing city transformer #3.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month at 5.333 MGD. He also updated the Board on the work of Waters Engineering and Geosyntec on various DNR issues and permits.

Winders reported on the Water and Sewer Departments' work on the highway 61 north extension. The contractor, G&C Construction, should finish this week.

CR Contracting should finish this week the project to replace the water main on a section of Daniel Street.

Winders updated the Board on the Pole Inspection and GIS Mapping projects

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

Sikeston Power Station

Don Miller presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for August, 2018.

Miller reported two forced outages for the month. The Net Capacity Factor for the month was 85.53%. We averaged 215.15 MW daily for the month.

Miller reviewed the coal stockpile estimates and daily coal usage. Both trains are running at this time. Board inquired as to the performance of the recently rebuilt coal yard bulldozer. Miller reported the dealer's service department was called to make adjustments to the brakes. Otherwise, it is running well since the rebuild.

Miller reviewed current projects. Mark McGill reviewed current environmental tests being done at the plant. Fall mill inspections will be done between October 15 and November 2.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve the SPS Report. The motion was seconded by Alan Keenan and the following roll call vote was held, Keenan, Menz, Merideth "Yes". The Report for the Sikeston Power Station was approved.

Bridge Repair Bid

A bridge over one of the drainage ditches at the Sikeston Power Station recently collapsed due to the failure of the wooden pilings. BMU staff has worked with Waters Engineering to develop a plan to repair the bridge and receive bids for the project. Bids were received and opened on October 08, 2018. The low bid was submitted by Samron Midwest Contracting of Murphysboro, IL in the amount of \$82,393.00. BMU staff recommended accepting the bid of Samron.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to award the contract to Samron Midwest Contracting. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Keenan, Menz, Merideth "Yes". The motion to award the contract to Samron Midwest Contracting was approved.

Sludge Cleanout Bids

Jeff Winders presented the bids received for sludge cleanout at the North Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is part of the larger project at the plant that was previously approved by the Board and Unilever. Thirteen contractors requested plans on the project. Three bids were received. The low bid was submitted by Precision Pumping, Inc. in the amount of \$236,000.00. BMU staff recommended accepting the bid of Precision Pumping, Inc.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to award the contract to Precision Pumping, Inc. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The motion to award the contract to Precision Pumping, Inc. was approved.

Notice of Benefit Plan Change

Personnel Manager Ron Friday presented a Notice to the Board regarding BMU's desire to change the employee benefit plan to an L-6 plan. This Notice initiates a 45-day public information period. No vote was required at this time.

General Manager's Report

WiFi Project – Update on recent and upcoming installations.

Ameren Service Transfer – A survey of the area is being done by Lambert Engineering.

Mo. Dept. of Natural Resources – Update on the wastewater discharge permit.

Fiber Audit – Field work is complete and we have a draft report.

Unilever – Update on the contract extension.

Coal Contract – Landers briefed the Board on a recently received proposal. He reviewed potential savings the proposal could bring. He will report further at the next meeting.

Spot Electric Sales – Update on September and sales for the year.

Executive Session

The Chairman cited a need to enter Executive Session. Alan Keenan made a motion to enter Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held, Keenan, Merideth, Menz “Yes”. The Board entered Executive Session

Adjournment

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



Secretary