### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

#### OF THE

#### **BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**

### OF THE

# CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI

# HELD ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF APRIL, 2020

On the twenty-first day of April, 2020 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Special Session at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was held via videoconfernce. The following members of the body were present:

Messrs:

Brian Menz, Tim Merideth, Jon Gilmore, Alan Keenan

Absent:

Also Present: J.D. Douglass, City Manager; Joe Blanton, Board Attorney; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Doug Shaw, Ron Priday, Erin Miller, Craig Templeton of the Utility Staff

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

### Action on Agenda

There were no changes to the Agenda

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to accept the agenda. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore. A roll call vote was held as follows, Merideth, Gilmore, Menz, Keenan "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 March 10, 2020. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows. Keenan, Menz, Merideth, Gilmore "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 08, 2020. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows. Menz, Merideth, Keenan, Gilmore "Yes". The minutes were approved as

presented.

### **Financial**

Finance Manager Marcia Witt presented the financials for February 2020. The electric retail department had net income of \$869,511. Electric Wholesale had net income of \$431,823. The Water Department had a net income of \$53,589. The Sewer Department had a net income of \$35,640. The sewer lagoon had a net income of \$9,646. Witt noted that most utilities have seen a 7 to 10% reduction in sales due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic. Witt also reviewed anticipated impact of the Pandemic on all departments.

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

# **Retail Operations**

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the department has been on an outage response posture. Winders outlined crew reorganization in place to achieve social distancing as recommended by the CDC.

Electrical crews responded to damage from a severe storm on March 20. Several poles were damaged in the storm and had to be replaced. Repairs were made with minimal service interruption.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month at 3.552 MGD. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic the scheduled water system flushing was postponed until next year. Water and sewer crews responded to several sewer backups during the month. Bids were recently received on the Crowe Street Lift Station project.

Winders reported on current project status.

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

## **Sikeston Power Station**

Mark McGill presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for February, 2020.

McGill reported one derate in early February when D Mill feeder tripped. The net capacity factor for the month was 93.0%.

He reviewed the coal stockpile estimates and daily coal usage. One train is running at

this time. A second train may be started by July or August.

McGill reported the status of the current outage. The decision was made to postpone two scheduled projects, the DCS upgrade and the boiler chemical clean, until the 2021 spring outage. Turbine work during the outage has resolved an ongoing bearing vibration issue.

McGill reported on the status of the CCR and ACE projects.

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, Gilmore "Yes". The Report for the Sikeston Power Station was approved.

#### **Lift Station Bid**

Jeff Winders reported on the Bid Opening for replacement of the Crowe Street Lift Station. Bids were received from six bidders. The apparent low bidder was CR Contracting from Poplar Bluff, MO. The bids were reviewed by Waters Engineering, Inc. Waters and Winders both recommend that the contract for the project be awarded to CR Contracting.

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

# BMU Policy Recommendation

BMU normally assesses a late charge of 5% of the electric balance on accounts not paid by the twentieth of the month. Due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic we are seeking Board approval to suspend application of late charges from April 20, 2020 through June 30, 2020.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to suspend late charges for the period specified. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The motion was approved.

### General Manager's Report

Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Missouri DNR has postponed the project.

Solar – Staff working on customer application process. More in the May meeting.

Project America – Update.

Fiber Project – Make ready should start in May.

AMI Project – Commercial meters being installed.

Spot Sales – Update.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the General Manager's Report. The motion was seconded by Alan Keenan and the following roll call vote was held, Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The motion was approved.

# Adjournment

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