MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

OF THE

CITY OF SIKESTON, MISSOURI

HELD ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF MAY, 2020

On the twelfth day of May 2020 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session at 4:00 P.M. The meeting was held via videoconference. The following members of the body were present:

Messrs:

Brian Menz, Tim Merideth, Jon Gilmore, Alan Keenan

Absent:

Also Present: Gerald Settles, City Council; Shaun Hanschen, Board Attorney; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Doug Shaw, Ron Priday, Erin Miller, Lora Foust and 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 Alan Keenan. 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 Special Meeting of April 21, 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.

Financial

Finance Manager Marcia Witt reviewed the financial reports for March 2020. The electric retail department had net income of \$578,215. She reported that revenues were down

compared to this month last year mostly due to exceptionally mild weather. Electric Wholesale had net loss of \$1,295,112 due to maintenance expense and timing of plant outage. The Water Department had a net income of \$11,912. The Sewer Department had a net income of \$9,485. The sewer lagoon had a net income of \$5,179. Witt also reported that no major expenses had been incurred so far due to COVID-19.

A motion to approve the report was made by Tim Merideth and was seconded by Jon Gilmore. 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.

Winders reported that on May 4th, 2020 the crews returned to normal working hours while continuing social distancing.

Electrical crews had responded to damage from a severe storm on May 3rd, repairs were made with minimal service interruption.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month at 3.439 MGD.

System is running 99.986% reliable at this time.

Winders reported that on the north wastewater treatment plant that the new blowers are being installed and that the project should be completed with the next 60 days.

Also reported that the lift station and force main for Phase I for water treatment plant #4 is under construction and progressing well.

Winders reported that we have submitted plans to the Department of Natural Resources for review and approval for the water treatment plant #4 and expect to get a response from them soon.

The 161 Breaker has been delayed due to COVID-19 and our inability to find a construction crew at this time.

The Make Ready Fiber audit is underway and is expected to be a six-week process before we have their report.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to approve the Retail Operations Report. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth 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 March 2020.

McGill reported the unit is running well and that the improvements made during the March 20 through April 18, 2020 scheduled outage, were successful and we are seeing improvements in the vibration.

McGill reported one train is currently running. He reviewed the coal stockpile estimates and daily coal usage. We currently have 172,000 tons on the ground which is a 52-day supply.

McGill reported that his crews are continuing to follow the CDC guidelines for COVID-19.

McGill also reported that Dwight Huddleston was retiring this month after 38 years of dedicated service to BMU and will be missed.

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

Retail Budgets

Marcia Witt presented the budgets for Retail Electric, Water, Sewer and Lagoon for fiscal year 2021. The Board was asked to review the proposal.

A motion was made by Alan Keenan to approve the budgets presented by the finance department. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held, Menz, Keenan, Merideth, Gilmore "Yes". The motion was approved.

General Manager's Report

Current Topics

Customer Solar – Reported that project has four phases, 1) Policy; 2) Interconnection Agreement; 3) Purchase Power Agreement; 4) City Ordinance. Mr. Landers reported that he has draft language for the first two phases and is currently working on the final two with a legal group out of Jefferson City that advises the MPUA.

Project America - Update on the project. Waiting on their review of the Purchase Power Proposal they requested.

Fiber Optic – Mr. Landers confirmed what Mr. Winders had earlier reported, that the Make-Ready fiber evaluation is currently underway.

AMI – Reported that the AMI installation project is currently under way. This week we are now working with full installation crews and it is progressing well. The residential installation has now begun.

Spot Sales – Update that market is down, and Spot Sales were \$17.11 cents for the month of April. Yearly average is 22.16 MWH.

Retirement- Mr. Landers reported that Doug Shaw, 20-year Business Manager for BMU was retiring at the end of this week and expressed appreciation for his years of service.

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.

Executive Session

Chairman asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Jon Gilmore made a motion to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth and the following roll call vote was held. Keenan, Merideth, Gilmore, 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.