

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

HELD ON THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2021

On the twenty fifth day of February, 2021 the Board of Municipal Utilities met in a Special Session at 4:00 P.M. in the board room. The following members of the body were present:

Messrs: Brian Menz, Jon Gilmore, Tim Merideth, Alan Keenan

Absent: none

Also Present: Joe Blanton, Attorney; Gerald Settles, Councilman; Steven Burch, Mayor; Rick Landers, Utility Manager; Marcia Witt, Jeff Winders, Mark McGill, Ron Priday, Erin Miller, Lora Foust, of the Utility Staff; Onethia Williams, Councilperson; James Crow, Sikeston resident and Joel Evans, Tara Ruby and Jessica Yelley, DAEOC representatives.

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

Action on Agenda

There was one change to the Agenda, Rick Landers of the Utility Staff requested that we allow Joel Evans, DAEOC Executive Director, Tara Ruby and Jessica Yelley, DAEOC staff, to make a small presentation about their services and upcoming changes before proceeding with the regular Agenda.

A motion was made by Jon Gilmore to accept the change to the agenda. The motion was seconded by Tim Merideth. A roll call vote was held as follows: Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The Agenda was approved.

DAEOC Presentation

Joel Evans, DAEOC Executive Director, along with Tara Ruby and Jessica Yelley, DAEOC staff, explained their programs which included their weatherization programs as well as their other energy assistance programs was followed by a question and answer session.

Action on Monthly Agenda Items

The Chairman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 12th of January, 2021 Board Meeting. A motion was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Alan Keenan. A roll call vote was held as follows: Merideth, Gilmore, Menz and Keenan "Yes". The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial

Finance Manager Marcia Witt reviewed the financial reports for December 2020. The Electric Retail System had a net income of \$395,706 with Kwh sales up 9.5% over this month last year and 3.2% year to date. Electric Wholesale had a net income of \$318,069 and spot sales were higher this month compared to the same month last year.

Ms. Witt also reported that Water Department showed a net loss of \$1,543.

Sewer Department had a net income of \$13,067 for the month of December.

The Sewer Lagoon showed a net loss of \$1,422 for December.

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

Retail Operations

Operations Manager Jeff Winders presented the retail operations report.

Winders reported that the line crews had doubled standby coverage during the polar vortex in February and responded accordingly with any issues reported. He also reported that the substation crews are working on the installation of the 161 breaker and that we are in the process of finalizing the specifications on the SCADA system.

Winders reported maximum water usage for the month of January at 3.360 MGD.

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

Sikeston Power Station

Mark McGill presented the report from the Sikeston Power Station for December 2020. There were two planned derates for the month of December, both tied to the continuation of the pulverizer inspections.

McGill reported that we have 148,000 tons of coal on the stockpile as of today, which

will give us 48 days of supply.

McGill also reported on the success of the SPS staff on keeping the plant running during the polar vortex we had just experienced. McGill also reported that the scheduled outage was set for April 9th to May 7th, 2021.

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

Budget Billing Policy

Lora Foust, Customer Service Manager for the utility presented a proposed revision to the current budget billing policy which lifted the qualifications and restrictions allowing any customer who is current on their account to sign up for this plan.

A motion was made by Tim Merideth to approve revisions to the Budget Billing Policy. The motion was seconded by Jon Gilmore and the following roll call vote was held: Gilmore, Merideth, Menz, Keenan "Yes". The Report was approved.

General Manger Report

Current Topics

Bridge Closed - There were three bridges built around the power plant, two of which had been structural issues in the past. The final one on Compress Road did not pass MODOT inspection and has been barricaded off. BMU is discussing the future with the City.

Patent Inquiry – We received a letter from a representative of a company claiming that we may be infringing on one of their patents at the power plant. We have responded and this matter is being reviewed.

GoSEMO request – GoSEMO has requested to lease a fiber so they can provide broadband service to Delta South facility. We have a standard lease form and have drafted the documents to do so.

My Meter Status - We are in the beta phase of testing and hope to roll out in the very near future.

Spot Sales – Spot Sales averaged \$24.00/Mwhr for the month. The yearly average is \$23.38/Mwhr.

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

Executive Session

Chairman asked if there was a need to enter Executive Session. The Board members then entered an Executive Session. A personnel matter was discussed.

Adjournment

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



Secretary