

PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MINUTES

April 24, 2023

The Public Utility Board met in regular session on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 1:08 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room located on the Upper Level of City Hall. Roll call was taken, and members of the Board present were: John Bell, Richard Vaughn, and Charles Williams. Also present were: Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; Lauren EH Nelson, Council Liaison; Steve Meyers, Mayor; Trisha Reno, Utility Administrative Assistant/OM Coordinator; and Renee Tyler, Director of Administration. Absent were Lynda Boswell, Interim Chief Financial Officer; and Whit McCoskrie, Board member.

COMMENTS FROM VISTORS:

John Bell introduces Robert Algieri. Mr. Algieri has shown interest in serving on the Public Utility Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 23, 2023 Board meeting were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by John Bell and seconded by Richard Vaughn to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023, as presented. Motion carried with three members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (McCoskrie) absent.

The minutes of the March 10, 2023 Board meeting were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by John Bell and seconded by Charles Williams to approve the minutes of March 10, 2023, as presented. Motion carried with three members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (McCoskrie) absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Utility Financial Report as of March 31, 2023 was presented to the Board for review and discussion. Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities, offered to answer any questions.

Motion was offered by John Bell and seconded by Richard Vaughn to accept the Financial Report as of March 31, 2023 as presented. Motion carried with three members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (McCoskrie) absent.

SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION:

a. Line Worker Appreciation Day

Superintendent of Utilities Darrell Dunlap updated the Board on the recent visit to the Missouri State Capital for Line Worker Appreciation Day where lineman Pat Craighead and Nahome Retta represented the City of Fulton. Mr. Dunlap noted that the COF and REA bucket truck were chosen to display the flag on the State Capital lawn.

b. Gas Update

Superintendent of Utilities, Darrell Dunlap discussed with the Board the gas contract with Interstate IMGA which increased in rates from 4¢ to 6¢ cents with a yearly impact of approximately \$12,000.

After further discussion a motion was offered by John Bell and seconded by Richard Vaughn to recommend the City Council accept the gas contract amendment from 4¢ to 6¢ for 2023 effective May 1, 2023. Motion passed with three members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (McCoskrie) absent.

c. Power Update

The Superintendent of Utilities provided the Board members with a 39-page explanation booklet emphasizing the Sikeston Capacity contract between their plant and our breaker which expires May 31st. He stated MISO used to have a yearly auction now they are seasonal. Darrell discussed zones, cost differences, how to tag the new way, and how delivery will be completed. He noted he will provide a future update as negotiations still continue.

d. Water Update

Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities stated that the water tank contract is still in negotiations however, work is planned to begin in about a month. The “City of Fulton” wording only as previously voted on will be added to the tower.

Mr. Dunlap informed the Board 115 tons of trash was collected during the Spring Clean Up this year. John Bell questioned the disposal of certain items into the recycling cans. It was determined that no debris such as grease or food should be left on cardboard before disposing. Council Liaison Lauren Nelson mentioned the abundance of trash cans left on the streets after pickup. A notice stating “Attention Please remove trash container off the parkway at the evening of your collection. Per Section 94-112 City Code” can be placed on the can by an employee of the COF as a reminder. Call 573-592-3176 to report. Renee Tyler, Director of Administration stated a reminder notice will be added to social media and the COF webpage.

Darrell added the City Council during its last meeting, approved the purchase of a new flush truck for the Wastewater Department.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no need for an executive session at this Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Board, motion was offered by John Bell and seconded by Charles Williams to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with three members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (McCoskrie) absent.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Reno,
Utility Administrative Assistant/ OM Coordinator