

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
April 12, 2022
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

Bob Green
John Robertson
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, Superintendent of Utilities
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Marty Johnson, Operations Manager
Chancellor Wayne, Mayor
Paul Spain, Fire Chief
Randy Carter, City Council Member

Mr. Green called the meeting to order.

The April 12, 2022 minutes were presented. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Outside Employment policy was presented with an update for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the policy update as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Fire Chief Spain opened a discussion about recent issues with the City's ISO ratings. There was some concern about issues with CLGW being able to communicate with the company handling those ratings. Those issues seem to have been resolved, and Mr. Spain was informed that CLGW has submitted information in an attempt to improve the ratings. It was stated that the City is planning to develop a policy that specifies which department will be responsible for each aspect of the ISO testing and record keeping requirements.

Insurance Updates:

Mrs. Dennis provided an update on the medical and ancillary insurance to the Board. Anthem and Morgan White have both offered a rate pass for the 2022-2023 plan year. The City Council has already agreed to accept this offer of coverage for the City employees. Ms. Dennis made the recommendation for CLGW to do the same. No objections were made to this recommendation.

A discussion was held regarding excess earthquake insurance coverage. Due to a reduction in coverage by our previous earthquake carrier, CLGW has allowed that coverage to lapse. Instructions were given to continue to seek alternative options for additional coverage that includes coverage for underground facilities.

System Operations:

The Parker water tower is being inspected today. Emerson water tower and the ground tank will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Maintenance runs are planned on the Wartsila engines for this week.

Natural gas prices are increasing, and we are starting to see energy prices become more volatile. A lot of this is due to renewable projections.

Miscellaneous general:

Mr. Chitester attended a meeting at the Kennett Chamber of Commerce along with representatives from the Dunklin County Commissioner's office and the City of Kennett. The Chamber is looking to raise funds to hire an economic developer. They have requested financial contributions from each entity in attendance with a 3-to-5-year commitment attached to that funding. A discussion ensued with no action being taken at this time.

Mr. Chitester has reached out to Courtney with LJ Hart to inquire about the possibility of refinancing our lagoon loan with better rates through the sale of bonds. Ms. Dennis will stay in touch with her to work on this. Mr. Chitester met with all employees, supervisors, and members of management last week. Policies and procedures are being reviewed, and he foresees some recommendations for changes soon.

Mayor Wayne stated that the city will have an industrial committee tonight to discuss a potential new business coming to Kennett. He would also like to investigate the possibility of purchasing a city-owned fuel station to supply to gas and fuel to city- and CLGW- owned vehicles.

The next meeting will be held **TUESDAY, May 10, 2022**. It will include an executive session.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary