

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
August 8, 2023
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks
Tony Parr

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Jill Rickman, CHRO

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Dennis Pelts, Councilman
Lisa Dry, Councilwoman
Scott Hunter, Citizen

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The July 25, 2023 meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer Updates (Presented by Jamie Chitester):

Electric-Tree trimmers have been working on the primary behind Walmart and are helping out the Gas Department to clear around their gas lines. Four Lineman assisted the City of Nixa on a mutual aid assignment through MPUA. Our Meter Lineman has been working on testing CT meters. Line crews are working with the school to prepare to install their EV bus charging station.

Gas-The crews are working on turning valves. They were able to locate and fix a cathodic protection issue. The PHMSA grant has been submitted. The PSC visit last week found some data holes that we will remedy.

Water/Sewer-Crews are making a materials plan for the Commercial Street project.

Water Treatment-There was a chlorine leak at the Water Treatment Plant that was discovered and repaired. Staff are working on a well abatement grant.

Power Plant-Crews have been generating a lot to burn natural gas in storage. They also repaired the concrete containment wall around the large diesel storage tank as part of the Spill Containment Policy.

IT-Transitioning to the provider of IT services for the City of Kennett has been the focus of the CLGW IT Department. They are also adding security cameras around our properties.

CSR-With AMI meters, the Customer Service Representatives have been able to receive notification when customers have significant continuous water usage. This has saved our customers money through the CSRs notifying customers when they first appear on the report and periodically if they continue to be listed on the report.

Chief Executive Officer Updates:

Solar-Property owners of the land approved for purchase for a solar array have informed us that several of their board members are experiencing health issues and they are not able to provide CLGW with an answer at this time.

Frey Farms-Mediators have been proposed but no date has been set.

IT-Our crews have been experiencing issues gaining needed information from the previous vendor. Mayor Crafton has been copied on emails with the needed information. Mayor Crafton stated that if no information or response was received by the end of the day, he would take action to assist.

Kennett School District Sewer Charges-Mr. Chitester explained that the Kennett High School was listed on the continuous water report and that our staff contacted different administrators multiple times of a three week period. The school used 1.7 million gallons of water in one month. The school discovered that a water line was mistakenly routed causing continuous water usage. The school has made a request to have the majority of their sewer fees waived and written off by CLGW. Mr. Chitester explained that CLGW has waived sewer fees in the past when a leak occurred that was due to no fault of the customer or CLGW. Mr. Sparks and Mr. Robertson noted that they were not in favor of waiving the sewer fees and writing them off. The Board took the request under advisement and took no action.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 11:30 am.**

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary