

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
February 16, 2023
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Marty Johnson, COO
James Waynick, City Council Member
Scott Hunter, City Council Member
Jake McQuin, City Council Member
Chancellor Wayne, Mayor
Trina Bell, Delta Dunklin Democrat
Tony Parr, Citizen
Marco Parr, Citizen

Mr. Robertson called the meeting to order. He addressed the issue of seating a new Board member. The City Attorney, Terry McVey, sent an email that stated a procedural error occurred in the appointment and that no action should be taken until the next City Council meeting. No action was taken.

The January 24, 2023 meeting open and closed session minutes were presented. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The December 2022 preliminary financials were presented. No action was required.

The January 2023 expenditures were presented. After discussion, Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Ms. Dennis presented the Certificate of Deposit proposals for the placement of \$4 million of emergency and capital improvement funds. The Request for Proposals was sent out and advertised in December 2022. Four (4) bids were received. All four (4) bids were for 12-month CDs that would be placed into a CDARS program for insurance purposes. The only difference in the bids were the interest rates that were proposed. Those rates ranged from 3.0% to 4.86%. Ms. Dennis made the recommendation to accept the high bid of 4.86%, proposed by First State Bank and Trust. Mr. Sparks made a motion to accept the Certificate of Deposit bid from First State Bank and Trust. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer Updates:

The Electric Department is in maintenance mode. The IT Department is looking at offering managed WIFI service and providing wireless routers. The Water/Sewer Department only have three (3) water meters left to install for the automated meter infrastructure. Their liftstation SCADA project is near completion with RE Pedrotti. Natural gas prices are still dropping and an additional 50,000 dth was purchased. The Power Plant has not generated any this month. The power prices continue to fall.

Chief Executive Officer Updates:

Water Distribution: CLGW has not had been able to attend a meeting with the Fire/Finance Committee to request funds for pipe placement to increase hydrant flows in the City. The Mayor noted that due to a clerical error several taxes were not included on the April ballot and that the City will not have any spare ARPA funds to provide for the project. CLGW will move forward with placing water pipe that is in inventory in the ground that will fix 30% of the hydrants in Zone 1 of the Hydraulic Study. The boring machine for the work has been ordered.

NextEra: Contract negotiations are underway.

Natural Gas: The price of natural gas is down. Power Prices for the summer are forecast to be down as well. Hedging for the summer generation is expected to be between \$200-500,000.

Solar Generation: We will be receiving bids from NextEra and Erthos for solar generation.

Water Treatment: The Accelerator is not running and we have saved around \$20,000 the last two (2) months. We have not heard anything back from engineers on the connection between the water plant and the ground storage tank.

Bartlett & West Settlement: The settlement proposed by Bartlett & West on the MBBR processing was presented. After discussion, Mr. Sparks made a motion to push for the settlement to be called even and no party be out any additional money, if they will not accept that, then the Board would pay the principal amount but not the interest as proposed in the settlement. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Miscellaneous: The CD interest will be around \$200,000. Our annual financial audit was received but staff have not had time to review it in full. Mr. Chitester noted that CLGW has coordinated our projects with the Street Department on their street construction projects.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm.**

Mr. Hunter noted that a citizen had reported that a manhole was sitting higher than the street on Barbara Drive. He suggested CLGW and the Street Department investigate the issue. Mr. Chitester was in favor of this suggestion.

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