

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
January 24, 2023  
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

Bob Green  
John Robertson  
Randy Baker  
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO  
Crystal Dennis, CRO  
Jill Rickman, CHRO  
James Waynick, City Council Member  
Scott Hunter, City Council Member  
Lisa Dry, Citizen

Mr. Green called the meeting to order.

The January 10, 2023 meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Performance Evaluation Policy was presented to be rescinded, as the information in the policy was absorbed into the new policy approved at the last meeting. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the policy be rescinded. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer Updates (Presented by Mr. Chitester):

Natural gas prices are dropping, and a strip will be purchased to be used for summer power generation.

There are only three (3) water meters left to change over to AMI.

The Electric Department has been working with the Kennett School District on several projects. One will be quite expensive for the district, as they will need a large transformer upgrade to charge two electric buses.

We continue to work to prepare for application to receive the American Public Power RP3 designation.

The MBBR is working. There is mediation soon to hopefully resolve all the final issues.

SPP is now requiring CLGW to provide behind the meter data each month in an effort to prevent generation shortages.

A discussion on future generation at CLGW and all the possibilities was held. No action was taken.

Chief Executive Officer Updates:

Mr. Chitester requested ARPA funds from the City Council during their most recent meeting. The Council directed him to meet with the Fire and Finance Committees. Mr. Chitester noted that CLGW has enough pipe in inventory to do a large portion of Zone 1, reducing the amount of funds that will be requested from the City Council.

Mr. Chitester emailed the Mayor asking for specific needs required for trash billing and did not receive a response.

At the last City Council meeting a Trash Committee was formed and several of the members have reached out to discuss billing. A citizen made a request for CLGW to purchase equipment and house a Sanitation Department at CLGW. The Board took no action on this request.

Working with Fisher Arnold to get engineering specs to add an additional connection between the water plant and the ground storage tank.

CLGW has been working with Councilman Palmer and Mr. Westerfield from the Street Department to coordinate scheduled work that will require street breaks.

Mr. Chitester reported that Vermeer has responded that ordering a boring machine and cancelling the order would not produce any penalty. The company stated that if ordered now, the machine should be received near the end of 2023. Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the purchase of a boring machine. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be held **Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 11:30 am.**

Closed Session:

A Closed Session meeting was held, pursuant to the Sunshine Law, RSMO 1998, Section 610.021, (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees. Mr. Baker made a motion to enter closed session. Mr. Robertson seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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:

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Randy Baker

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Secretary