

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
June 15, 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
Marty Johnson, COO
Jill Rickman, CHRO
Mark Bryant, Councilman
Dennis Pelts, Councilman

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Terry McVey, City Attorney
Lisa Dry, Councilwoman
James Waynick, Councilman
Randy Carter, Councilman
Scott Hunter, Citizen

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

The May 9, 2023 meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The preliminary April 2023 financials were presented. No action was required.

The April 2023 expenditures were presented. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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The FY24 budget was presented and discussed. Mr. Sparks made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

City Attorney Terry McVey presented an update on the Frey Farms legal suit. He stated that he has not been aggressive enough and that it is a difficult case to prove negligence on either part. Frey Farms would like to go to arbitration, but Mr. McVey does not recommend that route. The Board advised that they would make a decision at the next meeting.

Anthem was submitted as the provider for medical and ancillary insurance coverage for the 2023-2024 coverage plan year. Mr. Parr made a motion to accept Anthem as the provider. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer Updates:

Mr. Johnson shared that there are some leadership changes in the Electric Department due to upcoming retirements. Randy Cook will assume the Director role, and Anthony Miller and Tommy Barton will assume Manager roles.

The Gas Department is making an application for a PHMSA grant and finishing up the annual leak survey. Mr. Johnson noted that no major leaks have been discovered thus far.

The natural gas and power prices were shared.

CLGW is hosting two college interns this summer-Lineman and Cyber Security and had two groups of summer school students tour the Water Treatment and Power Plants.

Chief Executive Officer Updates:

Water/Sewer-The lead and copper testing is complete. Drawings for the Commercial Street water line have been submitted to DNR.

Water Treatment- Engineers continue to work on new well specifications and the ground storage tank line extension.

Customer Service-Demonstrations for new software have begun.

Purchasing-The centralized purchasing has been able to save CLGW \$24,000 since the beginning of the calendar year.

Safety-The Loss Control Manual updates are almost complete.

Economic Development-Mr. Chitester worked with Dunklin County Economic Development Director, Melissa Combs on utility usage for an industrial property that is to be submitted for a potential prospect.

Miscellaneous general:

Real Estate-Mr. Chitester asked the Mayor if any of the property that CLGW has purchased was being considered to be sold. Mr. Crafton stated that they had no plans to sell property purchased with CLGW funds.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 11:30 am.**

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary