

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
August 6, 2024
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

John Robertson
Tony Parr
Randy Baker
Towny Sparks

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Cathy Brown, Safety Director
Marty Johnson, COO

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Dennis Pelts

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

The July 9, 2024, meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Sparks seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The July 2024 expenditures were presented. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the expenditures as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer:

Power Plant-Generation for the month of July was set at 894 MWH and actual generation was 148 MWH, which was 17%. Saved \$12,000-\$18,000 by using price sensitive demand bid and not generating. The end of month report shows increased power prices, this is due to \$164,000 in congestion charges. Annual capacity testing for the engines has been started and will be completed by the end of this month.

Electric- Working on reconductoring for the Solar farm. Finally got permission to run a new line across the South Bypass and Anthony Street.

Gas – Leak survey has been completed. 12 leaks found and 8 have been fixed. The other 4 will be fixed soon, weather permitting.

Water Treatment – Last part of the EPA violation, report was submitted three days late, correction was completed. It required a notice be sent to all customers notifying them that we received a violation. Lagoon is meeting all numbers for permit.

Water/Wastewater – Have two more streets left to put concrete in for the Commercial Street project, Emerson and Maple. Hydrants are being replaced or fixed. Budgeted for 10 hydrants for this fiscal year and two have been completed so far.

Internet – Working on a new webpage for KBPW.org and .net. Will be changing email for the office and internet customers in the near future.

Chief Executive Officer:

Financials – CD's maturing in September. Will be put out to bid and have the board of directors vote on the bids once received.

Power Plant – Discussed Burns and MacDonald as an option for combined cycle plant.

Water/Wastewater – Putting well drilling out for bids by the end of the month. DNR must approve the design.

Sanitation – Engineer will be sending application along with fees for transfer station this week. A meeting with the construction managers will be held next week. Trucks for collections have been ordered and a delivery date of September 1, 2025, has been requested.

Request was received for information regarding Frey Farms on July 29th. After discovery, a trial date will be set. Have a good design for sanitation collection, materials management and office space for the compress building as soon as the council agrees. A Family Pool party will be held August 13, 2024, 5:30-7:30pm, hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. Working with the Street Department to dig out retention ponds at Industrial Drive, Airport and South of town.

Miscellaneous general:

The meeting on August 20, 2024, was cancelled. The next meeting will be September 10, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

Closed Session: A Closed Session meeting was held, pursuant to the Sunshine Law, RSMo 1998, Section 610.021, (1) legal actions, cause of action or litigation, and (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees. Mr. Sparks made a motion to enter closed session. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and roll call vote was taken-Robertson, aye, Baker-aye, Sparks-aye, and Parr-aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary