

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

Members Present:

John Robertson
Tony Parr
Randy Baker

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Jill Rickman, CHRO
Marty Johnson, COO

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Mark Bryant, Councilman
Dennis Pelts, Councilman
Lisa Dry, Councilman

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

The January 23, 2024 meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

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

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

Chief Operating Officer:

Water/Sewer-Repaired a leak in Shelton Place
Electric-Awarded the American Public Power Association's Platinum Level RP3
Water/Wastewater Treatment-Continuing to work on automation
Gas-Purchasing a new odorizer
Power Plant-Won the bid for the generator parts at Macon Utilities and will collect them this spring

Chief Executive Officer:

Mr. Chitester provided a mid-fiscal year status report to the Board. Mayor Crafton noted that KBPW can apply for a CDB grant. Each municipality is allowed to have two grants and the City only has one right now.
Frey Farms Land Trade-Mr. Chitester proposed asking Frey Farms for 8 acres of land in exchange for KBPW dropping the lawsuit. The land would be used for a solid waste transfer station. Mr. Baker made a motion to allow Mr. Chitester to propose the land trade. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.
Miscellaneous-The territorial agreement with Pemiscot-Dunklin has not yet been received from our attorney. Staff are beginning strategic planning, long-range planning, and budgets. Mr. Chitester will be meeting with Republic about transfer stations. KBPW is going to have to get a loan for the solar array project and it will be paid off once the tax credits are received. Mr. Chitester asks the Mayor and Council members present for funding to finish up Zone 1 of the water study. Mr. Chitester is also making this request to the Council Finance Committee. Mr. Chitester has reached out to the Fire Chief to ask them to report to us how much water is used after a fire and how the hydrants performed.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be March 12, 2024 at 11:30 a.m.

Mayor Crafton reported that he is investigating the possibility of purchasing railroad right-of-way behind SEMO University and asked if there would be any utility issues if a road was placed there. Mr. Johnson reported that there is a buried gas line but that it should be ok, everything else is aerial.

Adjournment:

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

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary