



Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2022
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR 72022

Members Present: David Hannah, Linda Levart, Robert Griffin, Wade Boone, Kathy Baber, and Madison McEntire

Members Absent: Alan Kays

Staff Present: Tim Fournier, Ted Taylor, Mayor Allen Scott, and Angela Shepard

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by: **Madison McEntire**

Leak Adjustment Request: **October Leak Adjustment Requests:** All requested adjustments, except Mark Simpson's request and Rita Dabbs, were approved.

Motion to Approve Leak Adjustments: **Robert Griffin**
Motion Seconded: **Linda Levart**
Motion carried with all aye votes

Minutes: Motion to Approve **November** **Kathy Barber**
Minutes as Presented:

Motion Seconded: **Wade Boone**
Motion carried with all aye votes

Financials: The Committee reviewed the attached financial statement. Joy explained that there are no changes on the August report pre-conversion. A motion was presented to table the pre-conversion September report by David Hannah and seconded by Robert Griffin. September's post-conversion report will be brought to the committee in December's meeting. Joy stated that Public Work's revenues exceed expenses and there are no drastic changes.

Motion to approve **August** financials: **David Hannah**

Motion Seconded: **Wade Boone**
Motion carried with all aye votes

Public Comments: Mark Simpson discussed his sewer bill. He is a sewer-only customer. He explained that he had a water leak and the water did not enter his sewer and would like more than a 50% adjustment. The committee explained that they do not have the authority to discount more than what the ordinance states. The request was tabled until Mr. Simpson meets with the City Attorney.

Nichole Sanders requested information on requesting a rate adjustment for a water bill and how it is approved. The process was explained. Ms. Sanders explained that she assumes responsibility for the high water bill, but would like an explanation for the extenuating circumstance to apply for an adjustment. The ordinance was read aloud and stated that unintentional water use is exempt from an adjustment.

Presentations/ Announcements: Consolidated Pipe was added to the agenda before October's city council meeting and a recommendation to move forward with Metron was approved by City Council vote. Tim explained that Consolidated Pipe was aware of the next meeting, but had not confirmed attendance and did not show up to present.

Old Business

Meter System Update: Moriah Winkle updated the Committee on the estimate for labor on the installation of the new metering system. The total cost is estimated at \$469,660.00. The original estimate was approximately \$440,000.00 to \$450,000.00. The additional amount on the current estimate is due to the possibility of having to move dirt if necessary. A second quote that was received was significantly higher. Existing meters in the ground could be re-sold to offset the new metering system. Moriah explained that she is submitting applications for grants for funding the meter project. Eligibility will be decided and notification if approved will be released on December 2, 2022. The estimated time to install all of the new meters is approximately 4 months.

Act 605 Board Training: An email was sent out for scheduled training on 11/9 and 11/16.

New Business

Officer Election 2023: A motion was presented by Robert Griffin to appoint Madison McEntire to take the chair and was seconded by David Hannah. The motion was carried out by all aye votes. A nomination was made by Wade Boone to appoint David Hannah. The motion was seconded by Wade Boone. The motion was carried out by all aye votes.

Projects:

Hydraulic Update: Tim explained that the application is in review. Ted will update at the next meeting.

CAO Status Update: There are no changes. Old Town Bryant will be the first project on the 2023 calendar. The Stillman area should be finished up by December.

Saline Regional Public Water Authority Update: Restrictions were received and a consultation with an environmental attorney will be scheduled to discuss easement acquisitions. A board replacement is pending.

Tyler User Interface Update: Working with a mock EAM program before going live. Future sessions are scheduled.

With no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn:
Motion Seconded:
Motion carried with all aye votes

Robert Griffin
Wade Boone

