

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340

August 31, 2023

The Board of Public Works convened in a regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:37 a.m. Board members present were Steve Mills, President; Chuck Hines, Secretary; and Ken Bryant, Member. Spencer Fricke, Vice President joined via phone.

The agenda was amended to include a memo outlining the cost for the inspection and repair of unit #6 during Electric Production Director Jarad Muller's report, then approved on a motion made by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, with a vote of 3-0. The August 21st Board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Bryant, with a vote of 3-0.

Controller Tony Bersano presented the 2023/2024 budget and answered questions as necessary. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for MMU as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper requested approval to replace the water main on North Lincoln Avenue, from Slater Street to State Street. The main was installed in 1953 and has failed several times over the past few years. Mr. Hines made a motion to install approximately 450 feet of 8-inch C900 pipe from East Slater to East State Street on North Lincoln Avenue with an approximate cost of \$35,000, using in-house labor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Piper then reported that crews have completed the street repairs on Clara Street from the water main project. The smoke testing project is 90% complete; what remains is located in farm fields and will be done after crops are harvested. They have also completed yard repairs from the sewer main replacement in the alley between Arrow Street and North Street. The LED lighting upgrade in the Underground Facilities building is also complete.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins reported the peak flow pump will be delivered next week. He continues to work with Aerzen and Burns & McDonnell to resolve the fault issue on blower #1.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root reported crews are working on replacing reject poles.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported crews are working on the backlog of bores that developed while the boring machine was out of service. The internet customer count has reached 4,020 this week; 202 are in grant #1 and a few are in grant #2.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss reported the contractor for the filter influent valve replacement will be starting September 11th. The filter media contractor will be back next week to finish the first filter and start on the second one.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller presented the cost breakdown from Ethos Energy to perform an inspection and repair on unit #6. He stated he is looking into some areas where the cost may be able to be reduced, but there are too many unknown factors until the unit is disassembled. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve the proposal from Ethos Energy for major

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inspection and repair of MMU generating unit #6 at an estimated cost of \$1,850,000. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige reported one of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator positions has been filled; they will start September 11th, and a second candidate is going through the pre-employment screening.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom reported his main focus has been the budget and the unit #6 issues. He continues to work on promoting the lime sludge waste with area farmers.

Mr. Hines made a motion to approve and issue warrants from the following funds for cash disbursements to accounts payable.

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 338,005.81
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 1,593,406.45
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 156,524.33
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 213,463.12
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 12,445.00
Total	\$ 2,313,844.71

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved with a vote of 3-0.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, September 14th, 2023.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:41 a.m. by a vote of 3-0.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

/s/ Chuck Hines, Secretary