

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ROCKWOOD WATER, WASTEWATER & NATURAL GAS BOARD**

June 22, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at Rockwood City Hall at 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Loren Bone presiding. Commissioners Mark Clem, Joe Moore, and Jeff Penley were present; Commissioner Bobby Anderson was absent.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of May minutes: Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Penley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of May financials: Joan Kerley reported that water and sewer revenues for May were \$338,718; expenses were \$217,397. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$236,530. Gas operating revenues totaled \$210,294; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$83,663. Year to date, gas revenue exceeded expenses by \$344,905. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the May financials as presented and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey Leffew reported that a copy of the final audit report was provided to each Commissioner. FEMA is currently reviewing our response to questions and has 90 days to complete the review. Two employees, Trevor Corbin and Jared Malicoat, have been in class in Alcoa this week for their water distribution license.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **I&I update – CDBG project:** A written report was provided. The CDBG project is completed and final change order was presented for a reduction in cost of \$17,079.00. Board approval is needed for grant documentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration and Approval of Letter to Grand Vista Bay Homeowner's Association concerning water pressure:** Several requests have been received from homeowners about water pressure and supply issues. So that all receive the same information, a letter has been composed to the HOA for them to distribute. There is historical documentation that the developer and a prior Board agreed that additional infrastructure (booster pumps at customer or developer expense) would be required in order to provide increased pressure. The State of Tennessee requires 20 psi at the meter and all have at least that. Full development in the area could mean RWSG would need to install pumps to provide adequate services. Commissioner Moore made a motion to provide the letter to the HOA and Commissioner Penley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Consideration and approval of adjustment request – 200 Hidden Oaks Road and Rockwood United Methodist Church:** 200 Hidden Oaks has received the maximum Servline adjustment of \$2,500 and is requesting additional relief for sewer. Commissioner Clem made a motion to adjust an additional \$3,000 in sewer and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

James McNelly, representing Rockwood United Methodist Church, noted in a letter that Servline insurance was not taken by the church due to a misquote from Servline on the monthly cost. The cost was too high for their small church to afford due to COVID effects on their revenues. He is asking for help with the large bill due to a water leak. Commissioner Penley made a motion to calculate a 3-month average and adjust 50% of water and 100% of sewer and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Presentation of Meter Project Proposals:

- United Systems
- Equipment Controls
- Suez

All three vendors were allowed 20 minutes to present proposals to the Board. All offered various costs, maintenance, and installation that will be further explored by the appointed committee of Chairman Bone, Ms. Ramsey-Leffew, John Skidmore, and Joan Kerley. Further information will be provided when all have been thoroughly investigated.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM by motion of Commissioner Clem and second by Commissioner Penley.

Loren Bone, Chairman

Joan Kerley, Secretary