

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

**August 23, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at Rockwood City Hall 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Loren Bone presiding. Commissioners Bobby Anderson, Mark Clem, Joe Moore, and Ronnie Thompson were present. Chairman Bone welcomed new member, Ronnie Thompson, and thanked him for being willing to serve.

**Public Comment:** Jeff Tilley, 537 Shenandoah, stated that he has bought property next to the Tom Fuller Park. He has met with John Skidmore and Kim Leffew about RWSG making two water and two sewer taps on the property rather than the City purchasing an easement from him for \$2,500. Ms. Leffew explained that the cost of the taps would be substantially more than the cost of the easement and that he will also need to install pumps and tanks for the sewer system. He asked the Board to approve the installation of services exchange but there was no action taken by them.

**Approval of July Minutes:** Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of July financials:** Joan Kerley reported that water and sewer revenues for July were \$428,328; expenses were \$262,286. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$103,263. Gas operating revenues totaled \$171,962; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$87,553. Year to date, gas expenses exceeded revenue by \$70,540. Commissioner Clem made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**General Manager's Report:** Kim Ramsey Leffew reported that Jimmie Hampton has been promoted to Operator in Charge at the WWTP. Tanner Green has left that position to accept another job. The meter project is moving forward with the collectors having been installed this month. Former Commissioner Johnathan Foust passed away this week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **I&I report:** A written report was provided. Ms. Leffew reported that the entire sewer system has now been viewed/recorded via CCTV.
- b. **Consideration and approval of building materials selection – McCarty Holsaple McCarty:** Samples of exterior finishes were recommended for both the admin and operations sites that are within the budgeted amount. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Consideration and approval of Change Orders #1 and #2 for building project – Jenkins and Stiles:** Change order 1R in the amount of \$1,265 to add circuitry at the operations building and Change Order #2 in the amount of \$193,815 to stabilize soil at

the admin building were presented for approval. There is \$360,000 contingency built into the contract budget. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Consideration and approval of release for Raw Water project – Gresham Smith/W&O:** Previously, the Board approved a 50% shared cost with Gresham Smith for a change order but did not approve the requested release. Attorney Sharon Clark did not recommend signing it. Gresham Smith cannot commit funds from insurance until a release is signed so the wording was changed and has since been approved by Ms. Clark. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

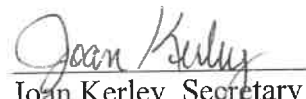
#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Election of officers:** Commissioner Moore made a motion to keep officers the same – Chairman Loren Bone and Vice Chairman Mark Clem – and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Consideration and approval for check signed authorization:** Commissioner Moore recommended Commissioner Thompson as a third check signer who agreed. Commissioner Moore then made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Natural gas update – Earl Burton – gas consultant:** Winter gas markets appear volatile with prices expected to be \$8-\$9 plus. Several factors can cause an increase or decrease in pricing. Mr. Burton recommended waiting for the market to normalize and try to buy should the price drop to the \$6 range.
- d. **Consideration and approval of health insurance proposal for employees – Sarah McCoin – Agent of Record:** Blue Cross/Blue Shield and United Healthcare are basically the only options for health insurance for our size group in this area. UHC offered the best pricing for a plan similar to the current one but it will be a 15% increase over last year. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve UHC with a 15% increase and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed with four votes with Commissioner Anderson passing.
- e. **Consideration and approval of engineering services contract with JR Wauford and Company for hourly services related to State Revolving Loan application for Water Treatment Plant:** Because we are in a disadvantaged area, additional SRF funds will be available for loan forgiveness. We have already been included on the priority list for 22-23. The services will be contracted at an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to work with our grant agency to make application for funding. Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- f. Consideration and approval of Resolution 22-04 for Property Acquisition – Chamberlain Memorial:** Additional storage for stone, topsoil, etc. is needed at the new maintenance site as well as additional parking and storage. The property, at the corner of Rathburn and Chamberlain, has been offered by the Chamberlain Board at a price of \$10,000. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the Resolution and present to City Council and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

  
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Loren Bone, Chairman

  
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Joan Kerley, Secretary