

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

July 26, 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 and Joe Moore were present; Commissioner Mark Clem was absent; Commissioner Jeff Penley arrived at 6:09 P.M.

Public Comment: None.

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

Approval of June financials: Joan Kerley reported that water and sewer revenues for June were \$361,643; expenses were \$293,187. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$287,266. Gas operating revenues totaled \$186,742; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$101,710. Year to date, gas revenue exceeded expenses by \$573,152. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim Ramsey Leffew reported that building construction is moving along and that some material samples will be presented at the August meeting. There will be a change order on the undercutting at the administration building that will need Board approval. Sarah McCoin will be at the next meeting to discuss the 15% increase (11% budgeted) in health insurance that has been estimated by United Healthcare. A gear assembly needs to be replaced at the WWTP at a cost of \$17,647 and Ms. Leffew asked for Board approval. Commissioner Moore made a motion to waive the five-day rule and approve the purchase and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **I&I report:** A written report was provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

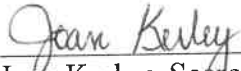
- a. **Consideration and selection of consultant for engineering services for Gas Extension for Flat Rock Motor Sports Park:** A Request for Qualifications for the engineering design work was solicited in order to meet the grant requirements. Design and permit have already been completed by Fulghum MacIndoe making them most qualified to continue. No expenditure is required – this only selects a qualified engineer for the project. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Discussion of development requirement policies:** We have been asked to consider participation in a proposed development behind Wal-Mart. There would be 177 single-family homes with water and sewer improvements estimated at \$800,000. RWSG has

been asked to provide assistance with costs. There are other projects, such as Flat Rock Motor Sports Park and the Pumphouse Sewer project, that potentially could ask for the same assistance. There was a Board policy adopted in 2008 that has not been utilized and there is a question as to Board authority and whether the policy remains applicable. Our attorney will need to research and advise us whether we can contract with the developers and if City Council would need to approve. Current ratepayers should not be responsible for the developments therefore a legal opinion will be needed. Board members agreed to pursue the legal opinion from Sharon Clark with a maximum expenditure of \$4,000. Mr. Bone was appointed as a liaison to meet with the developer.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM by motion of Commissioner Penley and second by Commissioner Moore.



Loren Bone, Chairman



Joan Kerley, Secretary