

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

**May 24, 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 Mark Clem and Joe Moore were present; Commissioner Jeff Penley came in at 6:03; Commissioner Bobby Anderson was absent.

**Public Comment:** None.

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

**Approval of April financials:** Daniel Peterson reported that water and sewer revenues for April were \$337,089; expenses were \$233,742. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$139,036. Gas operating revenues totaled \$368,224; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$66,028. Year to date, gas revenue exceeded expenses by \$684,960. Commissioner Moore made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**General Manager's Report:** Kim Ramsey Leffew noted that Roane Central Utility District has been given approval to give ARP funds that are designated for them by the County, in the amount of \$589,744, to RWSG for the WTP Improvements. Resolution #22-03 was presented to commit additional funding in the amount of \$1,017,135 to the project. Commissioner Moore made a motion to waive the five-day rule and Commissioner Clem seconded. Commissioner Moore then made a motion to approve Resolution 22-03 and Commissioner Penley seconded. The motion passed unanimously. She then reported that further testing is required at the two building sites by an independent contractor. Commissioner Moore made a motion to waive the five-day rule and Commissioner Clem seconded. The cost for the admin building is \$10,205. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The operations site cost is \$14,627. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Results are back on the sanitary survey with a score of 99.49. Construction is underway on the building sites.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

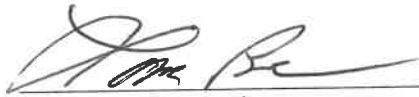
- a. **I&I report:** A written report was provided.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

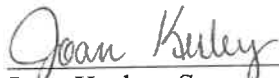
- a. **Presentation of Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) – Wauford:** Gresham Smith has completed the PER and they were at the tour of the plant that preceded the Board meeting. AARP funds will be provided by City of Rockwood (\$1,261,472); Roane County (\$1,248,663); and Roane Central Utility (\$589,744) for the improvement project.

- b. Consider bids and approve contract for Pumphouse Sewer project:** Four bids were received for the installation of a sewer pump station and sewer pressure lines to supply the waterfront development. The contract will use grant funds, city funds (\$401,172.50), county funds (\$250,000) and \$401,172.50 of capital improvement funds from RWSG. The engineer has recommended the bid of Horizon in the amount of \$1,452,345. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the recommendation and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Consider and approve Tarwater Station Upgrade proposal for engineering services – Canon and Canon, Inc.:** This project is in anticipation of the increased flows from the new sewer development on Pumphouse Road. The City has agreed to fund half of the upgrade with an approximate cost of \$250,000 (including this bid). Cannon and Cannon submitted a bid of \$65,325 for the engineering of the project. Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the proposal with the City paying half and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- d. Consider and approve Raw Water Pump Change Order – Gresham Smith:** A change order is required to address a problem with the new installation in the amount of \$40,110. Gresham Smith would like to split the cost with RWSG. Commissioner Clem made a motion to defer and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Consider for approval FT-01 Contract for ToHo:** The minimum usage requirement is now being met and they have requested to be changed back to this rate as of June 1, 2022. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve the new contract and Commissioner Penley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Presentation and discussion of Capital Improvement Plan:** Daniel Peterson present the plan doe consideration.
- g. Presentation and discussion of budget draft:** Commissioners were presented the budget for review and were given the opportunity to ask questions prior to voting on the budget at the June meeting.
- h. Approval of Resolution 22-02 concerning the commitment to provide matching funds for the ARP funding from Roane County:** Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve the Resolution and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM by motion of Commissioner Clem and second by Commissioner Penley.



Loren Bone, Chairman



Joan Kerley, Secretary