

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

October 25, 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.

Public Comment: Pat Brown, 207 Oak Avenue, stated that she had a large water/sewer bill that she cannot pay on fixed income. She no longer lives there and stated that she did not use it but the meter profile indicates that the water went through the meter. Commissioners agreed that she has done all she can do but there is no action that can be taken to forgive the increased bill since there was no leak.

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

Approval of September financials: Joan Kerley reported that water and sewer revenues for August were \$403,894; expenses were \$247,823. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$259,707. Gas operating revenues totaled \$201,991; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$87,049. Year to date, gas expenses exceeded revenue by \$289,026. 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 both of the new buildings are making good progress. The metal for the maintenance building is scheduled for delivery on November 1st. The sewer line to the beachfront property is in the ground but the pump station will not be delivered until March. Darrell Turner goes to court in the morning on his dog bite case. Worker's Comp has referred him to a neurologist. Gas costs are currently rising rapidly and the invoices paid to our marketers have been large. Mike Huling has been hired as a WTP Operator. He has a Grade 3 license.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **I&I report:** A written report was provided.
- b. **Consider and approve Change Order for Building contract – Jenkins and Stiles:** Two change orders for a total of \$27,594 were presented for consideration. The first was for \$10,944 for additional rebar and masonry. The second one was for \$16,650 for unsuitable soil and flowable fill. We are still within the contingency on the contract. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Consider and ratify Change Order for Tom Fuller Pump Station and Force Main project – Horizon Underground, LLC:** There was a deduction to the contract of \$15,741.42 that Ms. Leffew approved to complete our files. The approval requires

ratification. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

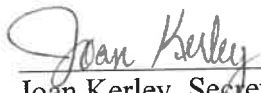
NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Consideration and Approval of Grinder Pump/STEP system Installation policy update:** This simplifies the policy and more correctly represents how these are actually handled. Commissioner Moore made a motion to approve and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Consideration and Approval of Update of Grease Control Program for collection system:** This is also an update and it conforms to TDEC recommendations. Commissioner Clem made a motion to approve and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Consideration of City of Rockwood request for assistance with sewer fees related to irrigation system at Brillo Miller Complex:** A letter was received from Becky Ruppe requesting forgiveness of the sewer in the amount of \$11,252.44 on the irrigation system. Commissioner Moore made a motion to forgive the sewer and Commissioner Clem seconded. The motion passed with 4 votes with Commissioner Anderson passing.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM by motion of Commissioner Clem and second by Commissioner Anderson.



Loren Bone, Chairman



Joan Kerley, Secretary