

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

August 22, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at Rockwood City Hall at 6:00 P.M. with Chairman Mark Clem presiding. Commissioners Larry Davis, Paul Kamikawa and Ronnie Thompson were present. Commissioner Joe Moore was absent.

Public Comment: Mr. John Fugate from 1800 Spring City Hwy came to ask the board if there was any plans to connect the gas lines at Black Creek to Mountain View area to give the land in between access to gas. He recently bought 80 acres and plans to put five, possibly more, homes on the property. The person he bought it from had received a letter from RWSG stating he could have free taps in the event we did run our water and gas lines thru the property in exchange for the easement. He asked if that would be transferable to him since he is the new owner. Kim Leffew stated she would have to run the numbers and look into the property easement letter that was sent to original landowner and get back with Mr. Fugate.

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

Approval of June financials: Tausha Bruneel reported that water and sewer revenues for June were \$329,675; expenses were \$190,419. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$402,601. Gas operating revenues totaled \$140,747; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$52,428. Year to date, gas revenue exceeded expenses by \$485,831. Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Kamikawa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of July financials: Tausha Bruneel reported that water and sewer revenues for July were \$345,380; expenses were \$280,659. Year to date, water and sewer revenue exceeded expenses by \$9,890. Gas operating revenues totaled \$118,032; operating expenses not including the cost of gas were \$79,414. Year to date, gas revenue exceeded expenses by \$50,685. Commissioner Davis made a motion to accept the financials as presented and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

General Manager's Report: Kim gave an update on Victorian Square from last meeting that we finally received a payment on 8/22 for \$4,295.57, which was for their June bill plus late fees. They paid using a 3rd party website and it delayed the receiving of the check. We informed them not to use that website any longer, as we don't have control over when the company doxo.com mails the payment. They still owe July's bill and late fees of \$3,319.59. Commissioner Clem requested Kim come to the Chamberlain Board meeting to meet with them and the person responsible for the bills to try and come to a solution. They will report back to the board via email at their conclusion. We have hired 5 new employees and once they start it will put us at fully staffed for the first time in a while.

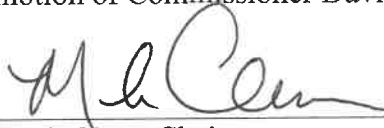
OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **Operation Report:** Brian Reed and Bonnie Fugate have presented more in-depth updated information and they are working to give a combined report.

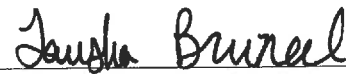
NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Consideration and approval of employee benefit renewal:** Sarah has shopped around for insurance policies and has found that UHC is still our best option. UHC came in under budget and is similar to our current plan. BCBS of TN, for our vision and dental, is under a rate lock and will not be changing. Recommend to stay with UHC. Commissioner Davis made a motion to stay with UHC and Commissioner Kamikawa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Consideration and approval of Change Order for drainage installation for Operations Center – Jenkins and Stiles:** With the recent storms, it has shown we have some drainage issues in four places at our Operations Building. The City Inspector required us to get these issues fixed or we would not be issued the Occupancy Certificate. This change order is within budget and is recommended to approve. Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Change Order and Commissioner Thompson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Consideration and approval of Collection list dated 8/3/23:** Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the Collection list dated 8/3/23 and Commissioner Kamikawa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After a brief communication from board members, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM by motion of Commissioner Davis and second by Commissioner Kamikawa.



Mark Clem, Chairman



Tausha Bruneel, Secretary