

PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2022

The Public Utility Board met in regular session on Monday, April 25, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room located on the Upper Level of City Hall. Roll call was taken, and members of the Board present were: John Bell, Charlie James, Whit McCoskrie, and Charles Williams. Absent was member Richard Vaughn. Also present were: Lauren EH Nelson, Council Liaison; Renee Tyler, Director of Administration; Courtney L. Doyle, City Clerk; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities; and Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 28, 2022 Board meeting were presented for approval.

Motion was offered by John Bell and seconded by Whit McCoskrie to approve the minutes of February 28, 2022 as presented. Motion carried with four members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (Vaughn) absent.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Utility Financial Report for March 2022 was presented to the Board for review and discussion. Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer, offered to answer any questions.

Holschlag stated the city has recorded two months of sales tax collection, and there is not enough data to establish a trend in comparison to 2021 figures. Holschlag noted all utility funds are in the black for the month with the exception of the sewer fund; this is due to a \$350,000 sewer remediation encumbrance. Holschlag also reported the expenses reflected in the water fund are in relation to the Second Street Project.

After some review and discussion, motion was offered by Charles Williams and seconded by John Bell to accept the Financial Report for March 2022, as presented. Motion carried with four members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (Vaughn) absent.

SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION:

- a. Smart Grid update.

Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities, stated the city is having a difficult time getting meters. Until the city can get these meters, there will be limited movement. Holschlag reported approximately 45% of the meters are coming across successfully, and the remaining portion will be dependent upon the new replacement meters.

- b. DNR update.

Dunlap stated he has a meeting scheduled later this week with Burns & McDonnell Engineering to discuss the Integrated Management Plan regarding the stream quality of Stinson Creek. A copy of the handout provided by Dunlap is attached to these minutes and marked "Exhibit A". Dunlap noted an attorney from the Missouri Public Utility Alliance is being used, and this attorney specializes in utility issues.

The Integrated Management Plan will be submitted to the City Council and then to the Department of Natural Resources for acceptance. The Department of Conservation is also assisting with guidance throughout the process.

- c. MISO Capacity Auction.

Dunlap provided a presentation with information pertaining to the capacity auction and Fulton's shortfall. Some discussion followed. A copy of the presentation provided by Dunlap is attached to these minutes and marked "Exhibit B".

Dunlap also provided a handout regarding natural gas prices and discussed the possibility of bringing Fulton's unit back online. The catalytic converter will need to be replaced in order to meet regulation standards. A copy of the handout provided by Dunlap is attached to these minutes and marked "Exhibit C". Some discussion followed.

OTHER BUSINESS:

There were no additional items for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no need for an executive session at this Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Board, motion was offered by Charles Williams and seconded by Whit McCoskrie to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with four members of the Board voting in favor, and one member (Vaughn) absent. The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney L. Doyle, CMC/MRCC
City Clerk