

**PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MINUTES**  
**MAY 23, 2022**

The Public Utility Board met in regular session on Monday, May 23, 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, and Charles Williams. Absent were members Whit McCoskrie and Richard Vaughn. Also present were: Lauren Nelson, Council Liaison; Darrell Dunlap, Superintendent of Utilities, Kathy Holschlag, Chief Financial Officer; Renee Tyler, Director of Administration; Anna Zerr, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor; and Laure Long, Deputy City Clerk.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

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

Holschlag stated sales tax collections are in line with last year and use tax was up 9.5%. She noted there might be less spending due to inflation.

Holschlag said Electric lost money last month, but Gas, Water, and Sewer were all in the black. Holschlag noted electric has the most varied capital expenses; those were reviewed. Holschlag reported she has an outstanding grant reimbursement for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project.

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

**SUBJECTS OF DISCUSSION:**

- a. DNR update.

Darrell Dunlap handed out a project overview from Burns & McDonnell and explained that Lauren Nelson, Council Liaison, and Anna Zerr, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor, met with the City's Engineering Consultant to discuss Stinson Creek. Dunlap said there are basically two options for the creek; to spend \$30,000,000 to correct the issues or to follow the Integrated Management Plan proposed by Burns & McDonnell.

Dunlap and Zerr reviewed the Integrated Management Plan. It was explained there are 5 task orders or phases with the plan, and the scope of services would entail initial data discovery steps aimed at developing an action-based plan to improve Stinson Creek's stream quality.

- Task Order 1 will evaluate the feasibility of chemical feed to reduce total phosphorus and cyclic aeration to reduce total nitrogen at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).
- Task Order 2 will conduct a high-level watershed evaluation of the Stinson Creek and Smith Branch watersheds including a hydrologic model of each watershed.
- Task Order 3 will conduct flow monitoring and develop a hydraulic model that will be used to develop a Master Plan aimed at capacity improvements and reduction of SSOs in the wastewater collection system and at the peak flow basin adjacent to the WWTP.
- Task Order 4 will evaluate the feasibility and cost associated with regionalization of small NPDES permit holders in the Stinson Creek and Smith Branch watersheds.

- Task Order 5 will integrate task orders 1 through 4 into a plan focused on incremental improvements to meet water quality requirements in Stinson Creek.

Zerr said the nutrients need reduced at the WWTP and that phosphorous needs eliminated. Dunlap said the study will identify options to try in an effort to get off of the endangered list. Zerr said they are looking at tasks 2 and 3 right now and are re-evaluating where some improvements have already been made.

Zerr said task order 4 will go to Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the next 6-8 weeks and they will meet with DNR to come up with a plan. It was noted that DNR will give the City some leeway and give a longer time frame to get into compliance as long as the stream is being worked on.

Dunlap explained Burns & McDonnell completed a study for the City in 2016 and if a different consultant is chosen for the project, the 2016 study would have to be redone. Zerr said Burns and McDonnell will also help negotiate permits with DNR.

Dunlap said the City needs authorization to spend \$98,000.00 for task order 1 and the entire project is projected to cost \$500,000.00-\$1,000,000.00.

Motion was offered by John Bell and seconded by Charles Williams to approve Phase 1 – Data Discovery of the Integrated Management Plan carried out by Burns and McDonnell, and to recommend passage by the City Council. Motion carried with three members of the Board voting in favor, and two members (McCoskrie and Vaughn) absent.

b. Coal Conservation Discussion

Some discussion was had on solar options for Fulton. Dunlap said there was a field a mile away from the City's sub-station in Columbia that was being looked at. Dunlap also said the City could have The Energy Authority (TEA) conduct a portfolio power supply study. Dunlap noted it would be a long, hard summer with coal conservation operations.

**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 John Bell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with three members of the Board voting in favor, and two members (McCoskrie and Vaughn) absent. The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laure Long  
Deputy City Clerk