

## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING MAY 20, 2024

**Date and time:** 05/20/2024 01:00 pm

**Present:** John Bell, Jacque Cowherd, Richard Vaughn, Charles Williams, Council Liaison Lauren Nelson, Mayor Steve Myers, Director of Administration Courtney Doyle, Utilities Superintendent Darrell Dunlap, Chief Financial Officer Dustin Dougherty, and City Clerk Kathie Ratliff. Also, in attendance: Wastewater Supervisor Anna Zerr and Deputy Clerk Marissa Peneston.

**Absent:**

**Location:** Fulton City Hall

### DISCUSSION

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The Public Utility Board was called to order at 1:01 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

There were 3 members present, one member (Williams) absent. Quorum met. Charles Williams entered 1:06 p.m.

#### 3. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

There were no comments.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Decision** Motion was made by Jacque Cowherd and Seconded by Richard Vaughn to approve the February 26, 2024 minutes. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

April Financial Report is not completed at this time.

#### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

##### Sikeston:

No update was given.

##### Other:

Wastewater Supervisor Anna Zerr showed the board the 2023 Medium Facility Biosolids Award that the City of Fulton received. Zerr then gave an update on the Wastewater treatment plant. Currently, the city is working toward the limits that must be met before 2028, by removing Phosphorus and Nitrogen from the wastewater. Funds for these improvements are being taken from a 2015 Bond that has not been fully used along with applying for SRF grants.

Water Lead Service Inventory: City meter pits will be inventoried to determine the type of piping used. A survey will be sent to residents asking homeowners what kind of pipes they have, along with images to display the different types of pipes. City staff will work with Bartlett & West to compile the list before the due date in October. Once the inventory list is compiled there will be a ten-year plan to remove all the lead pipes.

**Decision** Motion was made by Richard Vaughn and seconded by Charles Williams to move forward and partner with Bartlett & West to conduct this survey and create the needed Lead Service Line Inventory.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### Power Purchase/Gas Purchase:

Superintendent Dunlap highlighted how winter storms seem to be happening more frequently and how they affect our ability to purchase power and gas. Dunlap informed the group of MISO's findings and the cap they set.

**Decision** Motion was made by Jacque Cowherd and seconded by Charles Williams to split fees with Kirkwood and Hannibal for pending legal review.

### Trash Carts:

The City Code states in Sec. 94-112 "Containers shall not be placed for collection more than 24 hours before the regularly-scheduled collection day. Containers shall be required to be removed from the curb or collection location and returned to the residential premises not more than 24 hours after the regularly-scheduled collection day." Although this is in the city code several citizens are not following it. Discussion of how to enforce the code was held. After research into how other municipalities handle this matter is conducted this will be discussed again at a future meeting.

### Other:

Director of Administration Courtney Doyle gave an update on the electric department's unionization process.

## **8. Adjourn**

With no other business to come before the board, Motion was made by Richard Vaughn and Seconded by Charles Williams to adjourn the meeting at 2:09 p.m. Motion carried with all members voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marissa Peneston  
Deputy Clerk