

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
January 21, 2025
Board Room-303 S. Anthony Street, Kennett, MO 63857

Members Present:

Tony Parr
Towny Sparks
Randy Baker

Others Present:

Jamie Chitester, CEO
Crystal Dennis, CFO
Jill Rickman, CHRO
Marty Johnson, COO

Jake Crafton, Mayor
Mark Bryant, Council Member
Dennis Pelts, Council Member

Mr. Sparks called the meeting to order and presented the agenda for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The January 7, 2025 meeting minutes were presented. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Retirement Benefits Policy update was presented for approval. Mr. Baker made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Dress Code, Uniforms, and Public Image Policy update was presented for approval. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

The Mutual Aid Policy update was presented for approval. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the policy as presented. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mr. Chitester presented the 2025 utility rates for consideration by the Board. Discussion was held. Mr. Parr made a motion to approve the rates as presented to be effective April 1, 2025. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Mr. Chitester proposed to the Board the elimination of the all-electric heat rate, all customers will have the same electric rate. Discussion was held. Mr. Parr made a motion to eliminate the all-electric heat rate to be effective April 16, 2025. Mr. Baker seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Chief Operating Officer:

Electric-Reconductoring work has slowed because of the weather. The new truck that has continued to have issues is being returned to the dealer and a replacement truck delivered this week.

Gas-We purchased additional gas due to the colder weather and power generation.

Power Plant-Staff have extended the price sensitive generation time frame that will result in more time generating power.

Water/Wastewater Treatment-The MBBR is continuing to work great.

Chief Executive Officer:

Loans-The City has offered a 5% rate on a loan for capital projects. The Mayor noted that the rates is based on the interest they are currently receiving on the money. Mr. Chitester informed the Board that local banks have been contacted for their potential rates.

Test Well- The test well is being drilled this week.

Sanitation- Staff will meet with the Transfer Station contractor next week. Mr. Chitester reported that a backup plan is in place to procure Sanitation trucks should the order for new trucks become delayed. The Board instructs Mr. Chitester to begin the notification process to provide commercial sanitation services.

Hydrants-Mr. Chitester met with the City to ask if they would be willing to help fund the cost to update the fire hydrants throughout the City.

Property Acquisition-Mr. Chitester made an offer to the owner of the old Shaker's property and it was not accepted. The Board instructed to keep the offer amount and not increase it.

Compress-Internal construction work is close to being finished. Bids for remodel by external contractors will be released soon.

Miscellaneous general:

The next meeting will be February 4, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. Baker made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Parr seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Attest:

Randy Baker

Secretary