

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, September 19, 2012
The Utility Board met at Rushville City Utilities Office @ 5:00 P.M.

Brian Bess called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Brian Bess
Greg Coffin
Michael Singleton
Tim Sheehan
Phillip Starkey

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	City Attorney
Michael Pavey	Mayor

Butch Singleton motioned to approve the board minutes from the August 15, 2012 meeting. Phil Starkey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of August. The Water Operating report showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 25.06 million gallons of water pumped, with 28.97 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 13 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 15 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 12 line locates. There were 53 connects and 51 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 3,035.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 20.17 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 4.31 inches of precipitation, for the month.

There were 3 sewer complaints checked. There were 1,000 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 17,500 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of August. There were no dye tests ran.

Les Day reviewed the Financial Report for August. The unaccounted loss of water for the month was at 35%. Les told the board members that the water meter at the South Well Field was not working properly, and that he also feels that there are unknown leaks that still need to be found. After a discussion on the matter Les told the board members that he would get quotes for someone to do leak detection and get the information back to the Board.

Geoff Wesling, City Utilities Attorney, updated everyone concerning Stephen Schofner's property at 210 E. 9th Street. Geoff said that he had been in contact with Rushville City Utilities' insurance company, EMC Insurance. The insurance company is willing to settle with Mr. Schofner for an amount between \$9,000.00 and \$11,000.00 for structural damages, but that this amount does not include the mold damage that Mr. Schoffner is claiming was caused by his meter being turned on by accident when his water lines inside the house were not all connected and it flooded the inside of the property. Geoff then said that there are two estimates for the cost to remove the mold. The estimates are \$4,707.47 and \$6,956.18. Also, Mr. Schofner is asking for \$1,500.00 in back rent. Phil Starkey motioned to approve Geoff offering Mr. Schofner a settlement not to exceed \$6,956.18. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les then discussed the Water Conservation Ordinance. He said that after some investigating, he found that the board had previously approved the Ordinance draft with a few changes, and that the City Utilities' Attorney at the time, Ron Wilson, was to make those changes and then take the Ordinance to the City Council for approval, but that was never done. Les will e-mail a copy to the board members for their review and approval before it is taken to the City Council for approval.

Les then gave a list of possible improvement projects for the Water and Wastewater plants for review and discussion. After a discussion on all of the projects, the Board members decided to continue to review the list. Also, Les discussed the possibility of installing water and sewer mains on the 16th Street project. He told the Board members and Mayor Pavey that the new mains could loop into the mains at Loma Court and also Spencer Street.

Gina Jenkins discussed the Aged Trial Balance for Deletion accounts. She told the board that there will still be a record kept for each account taken off of the Billing system to try to collect on in the future, but that a lot of the older accounts would probably never be recouped. Greg Coffin motioned to allow the accounts over five years old, the bankruptcy accounts and also the accounts for the deceased to be deleted from the Billing system. Phil Starkey seconded. The motion carried.

Les had given everyone a copy of the 2013 water and wastewater budgets to review.

Mayor Pavey wanted to share with everyone that the City Council unanimously voted to keep Brian Bess on the Utilities Board for another term.

Mayor Pavey then told everyone that the City plans to give a 1% raise to their employees in 2013. City Utilities will also plan on a 1% raise for their employees. Mayor Pavey also stated that the health insurance would not be going up next year. He did tell the Board members that the City is planning to collect PILOT money from City Utilities beginning next year. He is also working to put in fiber optic lines for connectivity between the offices to reduce telephone costs.

The Mayor then told everyone that he had been asked by Emerson Technologies if there is a way for the City of Rushville to allow them to discharge their water used in their plant production system separate from the sewer line to cut their costs. After a discussion, this matter was tabled until further information can be obtained.

Brian Bess told the board that he had checked the claims for the month. Butch motioned to approve the claims. Tim Sheehan and Phil Starkey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les told everyone that he terminated Charles McMann on Friday, September 14, 2012 due to his constant tardiness.

The Board members discussed and approved a special meeting to be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at City Utilities office to further discuss the 2013 budgets.

Phil Starkey motioned to adjourn. Tim Sheehan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 17, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.