

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
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Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, May 10, 2022
The Board of Works met at the City Center Council Chambers

Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Brad Berkemeier
Gary Cameron
Phil King
Maria Bridges

Others present:

Greg Shook	Superintendent
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	City Attorney
Kevin Shook	WWT Foreman

Gary Cameron motioned to approve the board minutes from the April 12, 2022 meeting.
Phil King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Superintendent's report, Greg told everyone that the Wellhead Protection Plan was completed by Wessler Engineering. Also, Greg told everyone that there is a new employee, Michael Johnson at the Water Plant. Greg informed the board that there had been a water main break across from the Police Department. He said when trying to find the valves to shut off, he noticed that there was a pipe that was cut and capped off in Hodges Branch and had not been replaced. He told the board that he was not sure why the pipe was not replaced, but that it would be corrected sometime in the future.

Greg said that he is still checking into getting portable generators for the lift stations. He has spoken to Rosfeld Electric about the Julian Street lift station because it is the largest one. He also talked to Rosfeld Electric about running new electric to the Well #4 building.

During the Office Manager's report, Gina told everyone that she had received a letter from the Indiana Bond Bank. The letter stated that they will no longer be taking over the USDA bonds due to the interest rates currently going up.

Under Customer Concerns, Dale & Cassandra Camp were present. They had been present at the April Board of Works meeting to ask for relief from their past due debt. After reviewing the summary of their water & wastewater account, Geoff Wesling suggested that their penalties be

removed from the account and that the Camps agree to pay an additional \$50.00 per month for 6 months and the remaining balance then could be deleted from the account. Gina told the Camps that they would need to come to the business office and sign a letter of agreement to pay the extra \$50.00 for the full six months. Mr. & Mrs. Camp agreed to sign the agreement. Brad Berkemeier motioned to approve the relief if the Camps paid the additional money for the next six months. Gary Cameron seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Under New Business, Greg told everyone that the sewer line at Craig Smith's residence at 11th and Spencer Streets was not hooked into the system correctly and caused a backup. There was property damage to Aaron Mcwhirt's property at 1105 N Spencer St. when the sewage backed up into the basement and ruined several items. The property owner gave Greg an itemized list of damages. Geoff Wesling told Greg to check with the property owner to see if he had filed a claim with his insurance company before City Utilities could pay for any damages.

Greg told the board that he had gotten quotes from Campbell Brothers Auto Sales for two trucks. One truck would replace the 2007 Chevy Silverado at the Water plant. The truck is a 2020 2500 Ram Tradesman at a cost of \$42,599.00. The second truck would replace the 2006 F250 Ford truck at the Wastewater plant. The truck is a 2020 2500 Ram Tradesman at a cost of \$41,599.00. Gary Cameron motioned to purchase the new trucks. Maria Bridges seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Next under new business, Gina told everyone that she had been contacted by Jennifer Wilson with Crowe LLP about a possible water rate reduction due to Utility Receipt Taxes no longer having to be paid by City Utilities. Gina had received an agreement from Crowe to move forward with a rate analysis. The agreement is NTE \$9,000.00. Gary Cameron motioned to approve the agreement. Brad Berkemeier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Under Unfinished Business, Gina asked the board to approve the billing deletion report that she had given them to review at the April meeting. Brad Berkemeier motioned to delete the old accounts off the billing system. Maria Bridges seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brian Salerno, owner of Rushview MHP was present at the meeting to discuss the possible agreement with City Utilities to help in the cost of his bills on his master meter. After a discussion, Mayor Pavey asked Geoff Wesling to write up an agreement to finalize this situation. Gary Cameron motioned to approve Geoff writing up an agreement with Mr. Salerno. Brad Berkemeier seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brad Berkemeier checked claims for the month. Brad motioned to approve the claims. Gary Cameron seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Under Business Not Known in Advance, Gina said there was one request for a leak adjustment from Thomas Finn at 313 E 8th Street in the amount of \$1,159.02. Gary Cameron motioned to approve the adjustment. Phil King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Brad Berkemeier motioned to adjourn. Phil King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the City Center Council Chambers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.