

10/12/2023

The regular meeting of the Stuart Municipal Utility Board was called to order on the above date at 5:30 pm by Board Chairman Gulbranson. Present were Board Members Belden, Jones, Russell and Avey. Also present were City Administrator Ashour, Deputy Clerk Stouffer, Utility Superintendent Pat Howey, Jeff Godwin, DuWayne Dalen, Ben Stouffer, Dustin Foster, Trevor Nelson, Ben Sloss, Hayden Phippen, Rex Wilhelm, Bob Cook, Dick Cook, Matt Funk, Cory Kirkpatrick, Jarrod Luze, and Mike Kalbach

Moved by Avey, seconded by Russell to approve the Agenda.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved by Avey, seconded by Russell to approve the Consent Agenda:

- A- Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of 09/14/2023 and Joint Meeting of 09/11/2023
- B- Approval of Financial Statement as of 09/30/2023
- C- Approval of bills as presented

Roll Call: All Ayes

Utility Supt. Howey informed the Board that Hayden Phippen has been hired for the Lineman position at 90% pay of the Lineman position at an hourly rate of \$26.66 with residence required fifteen minutes from the light plant.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Belden to approve hiring Hayden Phippen for the Lineman Position at 90% pay of the Lineman position at an hourly rate of \$26.66 with residence required fifteen minutes from the light plant.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Jeff Godwin of Snyder & Associates made a presentation to the Board regarding the progress of exploring solutions discussed during the September meeting to resolve the difference in the height of the old water tower and new water tower overflows. Godwin presented an option of installing an altitude valve on the old water tower, and informed the Board that Snyder & Associates intends to cover the cost of that solution. The Board discussed and requested more solutions be researched and presented in addition to what was previously discussed, to which Godwin agreed that there are additional possible solutions that can be explored. Godwin informed the Board that he will work with expert staff from Snyder & Associates to prepare a presentation of solutions for the Board as soon as possible.

Moved by Russell, seconded by Belden to approve Elevated Water Storage Tank Pay Application No. 10 to Caldwell Tanks, Inc, (\$78,992.50) for the Elevated Water Storage Tank Project.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved by Russell, seconded by Belden to approve Payment Application No. 13 from Great Plains Contractors, LLC (\$217,907.50) for the Water Mains Improvements Project.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Jarrold Luze of DGR Engineering made a presentation to the Board regarding a plan to address the growing electric needs of the customers of Stuart Municipal Utilities. The Board tabled the item until budget workshop.

The Board tabled Agenda Item No. 8 (Proposed Letter of Engagement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. / Joint Meeting Request.)

The Board tabled Agenda Item No. 9 (IT Services for Utility and City / Panora Fiber Telco.)

The Board approved the Monthly Reports submitted by City Administrator Ashour which included the Financial Report, Delinquent Account Report, Payment Agreement Report, Budget Billing Report, and Offset Program Report.

The next meeting will be a joint City Council and Utility Board meeting Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Adjournment at 6:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Deputy Clerk Stouffer.

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John Gulbranson, Chairman

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Ashraf Ashour, City Administrator