

REGULAR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SESSION

MALDEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
BPW-111 E. LACLEDE
VIA ZOOM

Board President Clark Duckett called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board President Duckett
Board Member Loughary
Board Member Stone
Board Member
Members Present

PRESENT

X

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ABSENT

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OTHERS ATTENDING: Mayor Denton Kooyman, City Administrator/Utility Director Ivone Smith, City Council Liaison Casen Coleman, Electric Distribution Coordinator Todd Jenkins, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Krepps, Electric Production Superintendent Wayne Shelton, Finance Officer Angela Earnheart, City Attorney Jonce Chidister, Board Secretary Cathy Merritt

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: By Mrs. Loughary to Approve Regular Session Minutes of December 6, 2022.

SECOND: By Mrs. Stone.

MOTION PASSED

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

There were no questions for the Financial Officer.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Electric Department – Net Metering

Utility Director Smith informed the Board, Mr. Jenkins, Mrs. Merritt, and herself met with Mr. Herring, the customer who had the solar panels installed on his house. Utility Director Smith informed the Board she had explained the process of the application and the fees involved to install a meter for the net metering/solar panels. Utility Director Smith informed the Board once Mr. Herring filled out the application and paid for the meter an appointment would be made to install the meter.

Mr. Jenkins informed the Board his crews had to replace a few broken poles that had been hit by cars. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board there were no wind damage from the recent high winds other than a streetlight that had been blown from its pole near Pizza Express.

Water/Wastewater Department

Mr. Krepps informed the Board the second phase of the water project is just about completed with only one water tap needing to be finished along with moving some meters and some dressing needing to be put on a few driveways/yards. Mr. Krepps informed the Board once these few tasks are completed the project will be moving to the airbase. Mr. Krepps informed the Board he estimates it would probably take about 2 1/2 years to complete the next phase.

Hydrant Replacements

Mr. Krepps informed the Board there are a total of 5 hydrants that need to be replaced and 3 of those are leaking and definitely need to be replaced. Mr. Krepps informed the Board when replacing the hydrants there will be several businesses that would be disturbed so the plan is to do the work at night time to avoid disturbing anyone.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board price quotes were gotten and for 3 hydrants the cost would be \$15,000. Utility Director Smith informed the Board price quotes are still being received from other companies as well.

Mr. Krepps informed the Board there was a sewer blockage at the park on Washington and Dutch Enterprise had to be called in because we couldn't take care of it. Mr. Krepps informed the Board there was a tremendous amount of sand and once it was flowing and dug up the next day a deep sink hole was found under the sewer main. Mr. Krepps informed the Board he doesn't know how long it will hold and the sand cleaned out from here ended up in the Palo Verde lift station which has already taken out a pump and the sewer main is a situation that will have to be dealt with before long.

Power Plant

Mr. Shelton informed the Board everything was good, no problems at the power plant.

Office Reports:

Mrs. Merritt informed the Board on February 28 there were 35 electric meters disconnected for nonpayment and there are only 10 still off.

Director's Report:

Community Center MOU

Utility Director Smith informed the Board a memorandum of understanding was originally done with the City paying 70% and BPW paying 30% of the cost to renovate the community center but since then the City has gotten 100% of the funding needed for the project. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the grant will not cover the cost of under \$400,000.00 that is needed to complete the City and BPW offices. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the revised memorandum of understanding is for the non-qualifying cost expense to be divided equally 50% between the City and BPW. Utility Director Smith informed the Board after the renovations have been done other expenses associated with the operation of the community center will be shared by City and BPW on a 70%/30% basis.

MOTION: By Mrs. Stone to Accept the Community Center MOU and Recommend to the City Council for Approval.

SECOND: By Mrs. Loughary

MOTION PASSED

Splash Pad Project MOU

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the City has been approved for a 50/50 grant from DNR to fund the splash pad project. Utility Director Smith informed the Board this is a 100% reimbursement grant but the project must be completed and a reimbursement request made to receive the funds. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the original plan was to take a loan out but with interest rates being what they are, City Attorney Chidister at her request, did the memorandum of understanding to ask the BPW Board if they would loan the cost of the project to the City. Utility Director Smith informed the Board once the grant funds have been received 50% of the project cost minus any in kind labor would be reimbursed back to BPW and the other 50% would be repaid to BPW on a loan basis.

MOTION: By Mrs. Stone to Accept the Splash Pad MOU and Recommend to the City Council for Approval.

SECOND: By Mrs. Loughary.

MOTION PASSED

Utility Director Smith informed the Board there had been a meet and demo with a software company that would meet all of City, BPW, and Airport needs but unfortunately this company's cost was way more than expected or that could be paid. Utility Director Smith informed the Board their cost of implementing is \$146,000 and has an annual maintenance cost of \$67,000. Utility Director Smith informed the Board these costs are way more than what is being paid now and the search to find someone else is ongoing.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board as of February 24, 2023 Tommy Cowart took an early retirement. Utility Director Smith informed the Board that position is open and will be advertised in house first before being publicly advertised. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the part time position of service clerk at BPW will be advertised soon.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of March 1, 2023 was entertained.


MOTION: By Mrs. Loughary to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of March 1, 2023 @ 5:31P.M.

SECOND: By Mrs. Stone.

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned Regular Session at 5:31P.M. on March 1, 2023.

ATTEST:



BOARD SECRETARY



BOARD PRESIDENT

