

REGULAR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SESSION

MALDEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
BPW-111 E. LACLEDE

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

<u>ROLL CALL:</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Board President Duckett	X	
Board Member Loughary	X	
Board Member Stone	X	
Board Member		
Members Present		<u>3</u>

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: By Mrs. Stone to Approve Regular Session Minutes of June 27, 2023.

SECOND: By Mrs. Loughary.

MOTION PASSED

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

May 2023 Financial Reports

Board President Duckett inquired about no water project labor cost for April 2023. Finance Officer Angela Earnheart informed the Board if there is a zero balance that means there wasn't anything turned in. Finance Officer Earnheart informed the Board she had gone back over all the months and made some adjustments also. Utility Director Smith informed the Board during the month of April 2023 all water crews were working on the splash pad/walking trails.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Electric Department

Mr. Jenkins informed the Board the power plant sub suffered a lightning strike with damage to the closing coil and the #6 breaker. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board the breaker is offline right now and the #5 & #6 circuits are tied together with #5 carrying the load. Mr. Jenkins informed the Board the regulators are offline due to the switch being hit also with a couple more weeks to go before the parts are supposed to be in.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board invoices for both the electric and water storm damages will be submitted to MIRMA.

Power Plant

On behalf of Mr. Shelton, Utility Director Smith informed the Board the 2023 SPP summer capability run was performed on all engines and all performed well. Utility Director informed the Board on Friday, 8-25-23 the load peak hit for August was at 10.35 mega watts and that has been the highest during this heat wave. Utility Director informed the Board the

power plant has two new employees, Justin & Holden and they are performing well. Utility Director Smith informed the Board with all the heat no shedding of load was needed.

Water/Wastewater Department

Mr. Krepps informed the Board they have been having a lot of maintenance issues and laying water lines. Mr. Krepps informed the Board the Stokelan issue did not get fixed due to other things happening: 3 lift stations on the airbase going down, a couple of lines leaking on the main at the airbase and at the country club the ground is caving in with water shooting out of the ground and there's not supposed to be any line there. Mr. Krepps informed the Board a line on Cadet is also leaking and the lift station on Demaree is out.

Mr. Krepps informed the Board 1700 ft of new water line got installed.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board she is trying to find a grant to help with the water project, especially with the cost of the materials having tripled since last purchase.

Office Reports:

Mrs. Merritt informed the Board 32 meters were disconnected for nonpayment today.

Director's Report:

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the DNR lead service grant that was applied for resulted in us not getting awarded due to running out of funds but we are on the list for the second round of funding.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board we are in the early stages of gathering data for the new software Edmonds GovTech to start building our system. Utility Director Smith informed the Board monthly meetings are being held to ensure we are giving them everything they need to build the system.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the remodeling of the community center will be starting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Utility Director Smith informed the Board several departments have been and will be helping with removing/clearing out rooms and the stage.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the owner of a business called Brown Manor probably won't be happy when notified their utility rates will be changed from residential to business. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the rates have been residential but now they have a business license and a liquor license so therefore the utility rate will be classified as a business.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board on Thursday Patty Smith will be retiring with seventeen years of service and cake will be served from 10am – 11am in the Airport's conference room.

Board Member Loughary inquired if there was anything in place regarding replacing work trucks and how often the rotation of these vehicles were. Utility Director Smith informed the Board a list had been found and it would need to be updated due to some of the vehicles listed are no longer available. Utility Director Smith informed the Board she can work on getting a list together. Utility Director informed the Board the City Council approved a surplus disposal policy using two auction sites which are Purple Wave and Gov Tech. Utility Director Smith informed the Board city council approval would need to be given if decided to dispose of a vehicle by giving to a school or another city and surplus not limited to vehicles, could also be anything the city needs to dispose of including lawnmowers, furniture, equipment, etc.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board next Wednesday a closed session meeting with the city council and auditors on the Dunklin County Sewer District audit is scheduled. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the auditors will be giving an update on their findings and asking questions for their input to finalize the audit so it can be made public.

There was some discussion on whether the City would want to continue handling the Dunklin County Sewer District once the audit was completed and finalized. City Attorney Chidister informed the Board preliminary discussions with USDA's general council have been had and they are aware the City is probably about ready to disengage. City Attorney Chidister informed the Board if the City does continue overseeing it a review of the billings & collections agreement would need to be done to determine if the pricing was still practical and doesn't need to change. City Attorney Chidister informed the Board there is the option to terminate any of the DSCD's agreements. City Attorney Chidister informed the Board the agreement for the arrears pay is not able to be terminated.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of August 29, 2023 was entertained.

MOTION: By Mrs. Stone to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of August 29, 2023 @ 5:50P.M.

SECOND: By Mrs. Loughary.

MOTION PASSED

Adjourned Regular Session at 5:50 P.M. on August 29, 2023.

ATTEST:



BOARD SECRETARY



BOARD PRESIDENT