

-REGULAR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SESSION

**MALDEN BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
BPW-111 E. LACLEDE**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

OTHERS ATTENDING: City Administrator/Utility Director Ivoné Smith, Electric Distribution Coordinator Todd Jenkins, Power Plant Superintendent Wayne Shelton, Public Works Superintendent Kurt Krepps, Finance Officer Angela Earnheart, Board Secretary Cathy Merritt

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOTION: By Mrs. Loughary to Approve Regular Session Minutes of August 29, 2023.

SECOND: By Mrs. Stone.

MOTION PASSED

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

There were no questions for Financial Officer Angela Earnheart.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Electric Department

Mr. Jenkins informed the Board routine sub work being done and meter testing had been done on 53 commercial electrical meters with all of them being good with nothing out of line.

Power Plant

Mr. Shelton informed the Board the engines have been winterized and are ready for cold weather. Mr. Shelton informed the Board Utility Director Smith and himself took a tour of Plum Point to see the changes and upgrades that were made including wind barriers that were put up.

Water/Wastewater Department

Mr. Krepps informed the Board the sewer line in alley between Stokelan and Stevenson has been repaired and Dutch Enterprises will be cleaning out the line. Mr. Krepps informed the Board it ended up being a 36-inch line repair.

Mr. Krepps informed the Board the water project is progressing and over 2000 ft of line has been laid. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the project is nearing its 5-year mark and materials are low. Mr. Krepps informed the Board that after the Airport is completed there will be about 22,000 ft of materials left. Mr. Krepps informed the Board there

are some 12- and 8-inch lines with the majority of 20,000 ft being 6-inch line. Mr. Krepps informed the Board there is plenty of brass left. Utility Director Smith informed the Board she's trying to find a grant to purchase the materials.

Mr. Krepps informed the Board there are 4 lift stations down with plumbing on inside being bad and one is a force issue.

Office Reports:

Mrs. Merritt informed the Board 97 meters were disconnected for nonpayment and there are still 17 off. There was discussion of state program funds being decreased and LIHWAP ending in March 2024.

Director's Report:

Utility Director Smith informed the Board a new utility tech had been hired and he's been doing well. Utility Director Smith informed the Board Justin can probably get training done within another week and return to the power plant. Utility Director Smith informed the Board a part time employee that had been hired for the office is going to become a full-time employee so Cathy can be utilized to help her out more and with the move to the community center there's a lot that must be gone through.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the audit for DCSD #1 was released and City Attorney Chidister is in communication with the USDA attorney on the process of moving forward with getting a board together so the sewer district can be handed back to them. Utility Director Smith informed the Board that the City will give the sewer district assistance in taking control back over once a board has been established.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the gathering of data for the new software Edmonds GovTech has been going good. Utility Director Smith informed the Board monthly meetings are being held to ensure we are giving them everything they need to build the system and hopefully it will be going live in April of 2024. Utility Director Smith informed the Board with the move to the community center being in May we would like to have a full month of operating the new software before moving.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board the remodeling of the community center is progressing with offices being framed and planned out then a rain delay had interrupted the working on the roof. Utility Director Smith informed the Board the floors should be getting laid out soon.

Utility Director Smith informed the Board with the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays the regular scheduled board meeting will be scheduled around the first week or so of December and she will get back to everyone to determine a date.

Board Member Loughary inquired of the status on the equipment replacement rotation list. Utility Director Smith informed the Board there is a list MIRMA scheduled of all the equipment so she will be getting with Mr. Krepps and Mr. Jenkins to get that list prepared.

With nothing further to discuss a motion to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of October 30, 2023 was entertained.


MOTION: By Mrs. Loughary to Adjourn the Regular BPW Session Meeting of October 30, 2023 @ 5:16P.M.

SECOND: By Mrs. Stone.


MOTION PASSED

Adjourned Regular Session at 5:16 P.M. on October 30, 2023.

ATTEST:



BOARD SECRETARY



BOARD PRESIDENT