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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities

Meeting Minutes

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April 12, 2023

President Brian Hatfield called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Brian Hatfield, Marshall Jenkins, Mike Gerth, Dale Boyd. Also in attendance: Jeff Maddux (Utilities Superintendent), Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Jordan Day (Customer Service Representative), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and (0) members of the public.

Approval Of Minutes:

The March 27, 2023, Special Public Meeting board minutes were presented. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Mike Gerth seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved (4-0).

The March 22, 2023, Executive Session board minutes were presented. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes as written. Mike Gerth seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was approved (4-0).

The March 8, 2023, board minutes were presented. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to approve the minutes with an amendment, under new business, changing the special meeting to an executive session. Mike Gerth seconded the motion with the amendment. Motion passed (4-0).

Utilities Superintendent:

Utility Superintendent Jeff Maddux gave a report. The parts for the new Hycor have been ordered and the timeframe for delivery is up to 27 weeks. The first payment will be due roughly 2 weeks after the agreement is in place. The replacement parts for the press in the headworks building have been ordered and are expected in roughly 14 weeks. The 2022 CCR (Consumer Confidence Report) will be attached with the May bills, it is required to be sent to all customers by July 1st. We did experience several large rain events and the EQ Basin was able to keep the plant from violating for the month.

Multiple developers have made inquiries regarding the ability for them, or their own contractors to tap water/sewer lines themselves, bypassing the utility. It was discussed to create an ordinance prohibiting non-utility entities from tapping into any



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water or sewer mains of JNRU's. This would be accompanied by a fine of not less than the cost of a tap plus any damage incurred. Marshall Jenkins made the motion to write an ordinance regarding the tapping of water/sewer by non JNRU entities, and with accompanying fines. Mike Gerth seconded the motion.

Jeff informed the board that we will be getting a quote from Watts Electric for the installation of electrical components for the upcoming Hycor Project.

Utilities Manager:

Andrew Klescht gave a report. The CCR will be on the May bills, they are due by July 1st. Andrew gave a verbal update about the status of the new employees. Frontier has agreed to lower our phone rates significantly, with total yearly savings of nearly \$3,000. The CSL Lake dredging was briefly discussed. Andrew will work on setting up a meeting between CSL and JNRU.

Treasurer:

A verbal report was given.

Old Business:

Brian discussed the new board member who was submitted to the commissioners and the land purchase. He will attend the next commissioners' meeting to attempt to get these issues addressed.

Customer Deposits were discussed. It was suggested we investigate the number of customers with deposits on their accounts which are in good standing, either 12 or 18 months of perfect history and gather a total of the outstanding liability due to those customers.

The customer account with a large outstanding balance was discussed. Mike Gerth made the motion to proceed with taking the account holder to court, Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0).

Mike Gerth briefly discussed the sink hole issue on 300 N. It is of the belief of President Hatfield the matter is settled and it is not any burden of JNRU's.

The land lease was discussed; Marshall Jenkins made the motion to enter a 1-year lease with Tom Low and Mike Gerth seconded the motion. Motion passed (4-0). Brian will reach out to Tom Low.

New Business:

Brian discussed the meeting that was recently held with the engineering firm Jacobi, Toombs & Lanz. The goal is to have them assist us with a new master plan for the



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utility. It was noted that the price could be in the \$40,000 price range but there are several different funds that may be available that could help pay for the master plan or most of the plan. They had requested a work order for a not to exceed \$5,000, to begin the process of the master plan and the Land Application Permit. Mike Gerth discussed having them send a proposal and do a presentation before the entire board in a special meeting. Brian will set up the special meeting and then inform Andrew and the rest of the board.

Payment of Claims:

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to pay the claims as presented, Dale Boyd seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-0).

Adjournment:

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to adjourn, and Mike Gerth seconded the motion (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Members

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judy Johnson-Stevens

Signatures

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Handwritten signature of Marshall Jenkins in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Handwritten signature of Dale Boyd in cursive, written over a horizontal line.

ATTEST: May 10, 2023

Handwritten signature of Marshall Jenkins in cursive, written over a horizontal line.
Marshall Jenkins, Secretary