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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities

Meeting Minutes

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February 8, 2023

Vice President Marshall Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:03 P.M.

Roll call was performed. The following members were present: Marshall Jenkins, Mike Gerth, Dale Boyd. Also in attendance: Jeff Maddux (Utilities Superintendent), Andrew Klescht (Utilities Manager), Debbie Brown (Audit), Jordan Day (Customer Service Representative), Kayla Zimmerman (Attorney), and (6) members of the public.

Approval Of Minutes: Mike Gerth made a motion to approve the January Minutes and Dale Boyd Seconded the Motion. (3-0)

Members of the public:

A Member of the public, Chad Kirk, expressed concerns regarding his property on 300 N where there is a sinkhole due to the sewer main that was placed in JNRU Phase 1 expansion. He had questions regarding the stop work order and a sink hole that has developed after the city installed new sewer lines after it was annexed, he went to the City Board Meeting, and they informed him that it was our issue, so he came to speak with our board to get some answers. The customer would like to know at this point what can be done as the sinkhole in his yard is as big as a utility traffic cone. He stated that there are (5) or (6) homes on that road. Marshall stated that it would more than likely need to be filled with floatable fill. Marshall is going to research into the issue to see on the cost, how much, etc. and get back with Chad to see what the next steps are that can be done.

Amanda Ross of 3953 Squire Lakes Drive lot in Country Squire Lakes expressed their concerns regarding a couple of issues. The first issue they had was that there is a possible sewer drain that goes in their driveway, and they stated that it has caused damage to vehicle tires. Marshall stated that the issue would revert to the property owner as they have had similar issues before and the Country Squire Lakes Association will determine that it may be property owner's responsibility to fix that problem as it is located in a ditch. The customer also had an issue regarding needing to get their



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services back on. Dale Boyd made a motion to suspend current account and allow the office to open another account for customer to get services on so they can have water but must inform the utility when any changes are made regarding the provisional order. Marshall Jenkins seconded the motion. **(3-0)**.

Jerry Doty residing at lot 749 in Country Squire Lakes expressed concerns regarding a leak that they had and to see if there is a possible payment arrangement longer than (6) months that they would be able to complete. Mike Gerth made a motion for a 12- month payment plan. Pending verification. Dale Boyd seconded the motion. **(3-0)**.

Utilities Superintendent:

Jeff Maddux presented a verbal report. Jeff Maddux stated that the sanitary sewer survey has been completed. Jeff explained the survey completion in further detail to the board. Jeff also stated that we have now found a backup water source in case of emergency/disaster. The backup water supply system would be Jennings County Emergency Management/ Homeland Security. Jeff also stated that it is now included in our emergency response plan. Jeff stated that we could use an ordinance for anti-cross connection or a policy. Marshall stated that a policy would probably be better as an ordinance has to be signed off on and a policy can easily be changed if needed to. Jeff discussed a quote for the dredging equipment for the lagoons. Marshall stated that there needs to be a special meeting set up to discuss that specific topic. Jeff stated that the lagoons have never been cleaned out. We may be best suited if we contact an engineering firm to assist us. April 1st is the deadline for any sort of funding for SFR, the earliest we would be able to receive funding would be July 2024. Jeff stated that it is now the time of year where we are in need to order UV lights for the sewer plant. The total cost for ordering the lights would be \$6,139.69, this is already built into the budget, this would include 64 lights and 64 jackets. Mike Gerth made a motion to approve purchasing the UV lights. Dale Boyd seconded the motion. **(3-0)**.

Utilities Manager:

Andrew Klescht presented a verbal report. Andrew stated that the utilities superintendent would like to sell back a portion of his PTO time. Dale Boyd made a motion for the utilities superintendent to get 3 additional weeks of his PTO bought out. Mike Gerth seconded the motion. **(3-0)**. Andrew asked the board if they want to go ahead with having (5) full-time employees or continue to have a part-time employee and hold



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on hiring a (5th) person. Mike Gerth made a motion to go ahead and hire a (5th) full-time employee and do away with a part-time position. Dale Boyd seconded the motion. (3-0). Andrew stated that we have had an issue with customers having us come out multiple times to check for a leak or even verify a leak repair. Marshall Jenkins suggested that in the meantime we should start keeping track of how many times we go to a location to check for a leak and determine how many instances of excessive customer requests for the same issue arise.

Audit:

Debbie Brown presented a verbal report. Debbie explained the updated balance sheet since Blue & Co took over.

Treasurer:

Mike Gerth presented a verbal report. Mike Gerth stated that we have taken care of a large majority of our past due debts so far, and we are now in the process of focusing on the outstanding water bond.

Claims:

Dale Boyd made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Mike Gerth seconded the motion. (3-0).

Adjournment:

Mike Gerth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale Boyd seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 P.M. (3-0).



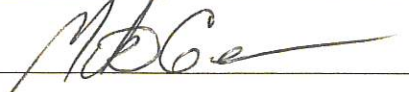
Members

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Signatures



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Dale Boyd



Vacant

ATTEST: March 8, 2023



Marshall Jenkins, Secretary