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Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities

Meeting Minutes

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June 14, 2023

Vice President Marshall Jenkins called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

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

Approval Of Minutes:

The May 2023 Board minutes were presented. There was a motion by Judi Johnson-Stevens to approve the minutes as presented with a second by Dale Boyd. The motion passed (3-0-1). Mike Gerth abstained.

Members of the Public:

No members of the public were present.

Utilities Superintendent:

Jeff Maddux presented a verbal report. The plant has stayed in compliance for the last month. The submittal for the new Hycor was discussed and needs to have the initial submittal signed. Dale Boyd made the motion to have Marshall Jenkins sign the proposal and Mike Gerth seconded the motion and the motion passed (4-0).

Utilities Manager:

Andrew Klescht presented a verbal report. A customer has reached out to the utility asking them to investigate the ability of them to connect to our sewer system while not being in CSL. The customer does border CSL along highway 7 and owns property within CSL boarding the property. The Board sees no issue with connecting the customer to JNRU services although the sewer tap fee may need to be adjusted accordingly.



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Treasurer:

Verbal report was given by Treasurer Mike Gerth.

Old Business:

The ordinance regarding the refund process of customer deposits for Jennings Northwest Regional Utilities had the first reading.

The ordinance Restricting contractors from directly tapping into JNRU water and sewer utilities had the first reading.

New Business:

Amy Clarkson has reached out to Marshall Jenkins via Facebook seeking permission to place a blessings box at the JNRU Office. After discussion, Mike Gerth made the motion to allow a blessings box to be placed at the JNRU Office with the ability to have it removed if the box causes vandalism or other issues that disrupt JNRU. Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Fire Protection was discussed. Currently the fire protection rating for many homeowners is not favorable. It was talked about that it should be something we have integrated into our master plan.

Jennings Water has notified all its customers that there is a water rate increase effective July 1, 2023. Our increase is approximately 22% from approximately 4.13 per 1000 Gallons to an average of nearly 5.11 per 1000 Gallons. After discussion the board instructed Andrew Klescht to determine what the cost increase would need to be to customers to pass along the cost. Rough estimations put the increase at between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per year moving forward, this is a large increase and is unsustainable without an increase of our own. While ensuring we meet all requirements for notices, it may be possible to have an increase in place by October 2023.

Payment of Claims:

Claims were presented for the month of May 2023. Dale Boyd made the motion to approve the claims as presented and Judi Johnson-Stevens seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously (4-0).

Adjournment:

Marshall Jenkins made the motion to adjourn, and Dale seconded the motion (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 PM.



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Members

Signatures

Brian Hatfield

Marshall Jenkins

Mike Gerth

Dale Boyd

Judi Johnson-Stevens

ATTEST: July 12, 2023

Marshall Jenkins, Secretary