

Bolivar Utility Board
October 4, 2017

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on the above date with the following attendance:

Present:	Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman	Also Present:	Cliff Henson, Director
	Larry Crawford		Julian McTizic, Mayor
	Paul Fuller		Wes Clayton, Attorney
	Johnathan Joy		Shelia Dellinger, Clerk
	Linc Polk		

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections to the September 6, 2017, minutes. There being no corrections Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Fuller to approve and dispense with the September 6, 2017, minutes as written. All voted "Aye."

Chairman Wilhite introduced and welcomed Mr. Linc Polk as a new member to the Utility Board. Mayor McTizic thanked Mr. Polk for his willingness to serve on this board.

Mr. Henson gave an update on changing from lime to caustic soda at the water treatment plant. Mr. Bobby Hensley, Water Treatment Plant operator, told Mr. Henson he was able to stabilize the ph much better with the caustic soda instead of using lime. The price of using caustic soda is higher but after a brief discussion it was recommended by Mr. Henson to change from lime to caustic soda. The next issue was the cost of having the elevator repaired in order to get the lime upstairs to the lime room. ThyssenKrupp Elevator (Dover) told us it would cost \$29,000 to repair the elevator and it must be State certified each year. After much discussion, Mr. Crawford moved to change to caustic soda due to the labor and expense of repairing the elevator. Mr. Joy seconded the motion. All voted "Aye."

Mr. Henson informed the board the Bolivar Utility office security rehab is 95% complete. Mr. Tommy Vandiver will finish up the trim work within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Henson stated the office really looks good and encouraged everyone to stop by to see what a difference this has made. The staff really appreciates the board for allowing this project to be done.

Mr. Henson stated Senator Delores Gresham contacted Mayor McTizic to inform the City we were approved for the CDBG Sewer Grant in the amount of \$389,197.00. Mr. Henson wanted to thank Mr. Robert Stigall, Mrs. Lynn Manning and Mrs. Cathy Mayfield for all the extra hard work and time they spent in making this possible. He stated Mrs. Mayfield has done an excellent job on helping the utility department with getting grants in the past and this does not go un-noticed. This grant will be used to for three projects; replace 1000' of 12" gravity line along with a sewer main on North Union Street that is going under a homeowner's house, replace 6,000 feet of 12" force main that has collapsed, and to rebuild the Nuckolls Road lift station.

Mr. Henson stated the Bolivar Gas Department dropped their membership several years ago with American Public Gas Association due to the lack of interest. After meeting with several gas utility directors, they informed me APGA puts together the Pipeline Integrity Management Program, which we have to use as our guidelines. The membership is based on number of customers the system has at a rate of .84 cents per meter. Bolivar’s membership fee would be approximately \$4,500.00 per year. After a short discussion, Mr. Henson stated he would like to recommend to the board to be given the opportunity to join the APGA for one year to see if it would be beneficial for Bolivar. Mr. Fuller made a motion to rejoin the APGA for the year 2018. Mr. Crawford seconded the motion. All voted “Aye.”

The board was informed, beginning September 4, 2017, the Bolivar Utility Department employees, excluding administrative office staff, work 9 hours per day with half of the workers taking every other Friday off. This is working great and all the employees are appreciative of the opportunity to work longer hours and have every other Friday off.

Mayor McTizic told the board he had talked with Mr. Henson extensively about “master meters”. The present ordinance states there shall be a master meter for every complex. At this time Attorney Clayton was asked to review the ordinance and determine how it needs to read in order to change the ordinance that would work for an apartment complex. Attorney Clayton will report back at next month’s meeting.

The next item of business was a bid opening for gas tubing. The following bids were received:

Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co., Inc.Collierville, TN	
10,000 ft. ¾” gas pipe.....	\$ 2,250.00
5,000 ft. 2” polyethylene gas pipe.....	\$ 3,575.00
Total.....	\$5,825.00

G & C Supply Co., Inc.....Atwood, TN	
10,000 ft. ¾” gas pipe.....	\$ 2,400.00
5,000 ft. 2” polyethylene gas pipe.....	\$ 4,150.00
Total.....	\$ 6,550.00

After a brief discussion, Mr. Crawford made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fuller to accept the low bid from Consolidated Pipe and Supply Co. All voted “Aye.”

The board received the following bids for a Tilt Top Trailer:

Ferge Auctions and Realty, LLC.....Whiteville, TN	
Big Tex 14TL Top Trailer.....	\$ 5,400.00
Technology International.....Lake Mary, FL	
Rolls Rite Top Trailer.....	\$ 7,050.00

Globe Trailer Manufacturing, Inc.....Bradenton, FL
7-Ton, 2 Axles, Tilt Deck Trailer.....\$ 6,340.00

After a short discussion, Mr. Joy made a motion to accept the low bid from Ferge Auctions and Realty in the amount of \$5,400. Mr. Fuller seconded the motion with all voting "Aye."

There being no further business, Mr. Crawford moved, seconded by Mr. Joy to adjourn the meeting. All voted "Aye."

Attest:

Chairman

Director

Member

Member

Member

Member
