

Bolivar Utility Board
February 3, 2021

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

Members Present:

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman
Dylan Hill
Paul Fuller
Linc Polk

Others Present:

Cliff Henson, Director
Mayor Julian McTizic
Wes Clayton, Attorney
Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator

Members Absent:

Larry Crawford

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the January 6, 2021, minutes. Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fuller to approve the minutes as presented. All voted "Aye."

Old Business:

Highway 57 Gas Project

Mr. Cliff Henson, Director reported the Highway 57 gas line extension for Hatchie Hardwood has been completed. He reported the contractors, ElectriCom, did a good job. Mr. Henson stated he has requested a quote from Sullivan's Natural Gas Service, which is a certified vendor and is qualified to install large meters and a scata system. The quote is \$25,850 for the meter set and the scata system. The Bolivar Utility Department has used this company many times and Mr. Henson highly recommends them to do the work. After a brief discussion, Mr. Fuller moved, seconded by Mr. Polk to approve Sullivan's Natural Gas Service to install the meter and scata system. All voted "Aye."

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Mr. Henson informed the Board, Mr. Robert Stigall has been researching the possibility of applying for the CDBG grant for water infrastructure and it was not going to be feasible. There must be at least 30% water loss reported to qualify to apply for these funds. Bolivar's water loss was about 17%, therefore, Bolivar Utility Department will be applying for another sewer grant this year.

New Business:

Well #4 Motor at Water Treatment Plant

Mr. Henson reported the motor for #4 well at the water treatment plant burned up and it was going to cost approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000 to repair it if we can have it rebuilt. A new motor

will cost approximately \$15,000. Mr. Henson stated he would report to the board next month the cost of the repairs.

Sewer Extension on Clifft St. – New Industrial site

Mr. Henson stated there is a potential new business that will be relocating at the old Garment Factory on Clifft Street which will require the utility department to install a small lift station and sewer lines. The cost of this project will be approximately \$55,000.00. Mr. Henson stated this prospect will be very beneficial to the City. Mayor McTizic informed the board this is a great opportunity and the industry will hire approximately 100 employees. There will be an announcement from the State of Tennessee Economic Community Development in the very near future. Mayor McTizic stated the Bolivar Industrial Board and Bolivar Energy Authority are very supportive and would like for Bolivar Gas Department to invest in this project for Economic Development. After a brief discussion, Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Fuller to invest up to \$55,000 from the water/sewer funds to install the sewer pump and sewer lines. All voted "Aye." The board concurred with contributing funds from the gas department for Economic Development. Mayor McTizic stated within the next few months he would request funds from the gas department to be used for Economic Development.

Gas, Water, and Sewer 2020 Audit Report:

Shelia Dellinger, City Administrator stated Mr. Geter with Cowart Reese Sargent CPA, had delivered the audits but for due to an emergency situation could not be present to present the audit but would be available by phone or would be glad to come to the March Utility Board meeting. After reviewing the audit, Chairman Wilhite stated this was a very good year for the utility departments and they are in sound financial condition. The net income for the water/sewer accounts was \$436,223.00. The gas department had a net income of \$364,757. After a short discussion, Mr. Fuller moved, seconded by Mr. Polk to approve the gas, water, and sewer audits. All voted "Aye."

Gas Prices for February

Mr. Henson stated the gas prices for February remain at .65 cents.

There being no further business, Mr. Hill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Fuller. All voted "Aye."

Attest: