

Bolivar Utility Board

April 3, 2024

12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on April 3, 2024 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman
Suzanne Rhea, Councilmember
Paul Fuller
Randy Hill

Others Present:

Jim Nuckolls, Director
Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder

Absent: Linc Polk, Mayor McTizic, Attorney Kevin Snider

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the March 6, 2024 regular session meeting minutes. There being no corrections. Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to approve the March 6, 2024 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

Community Comments: NONE

Old Business:

- a. Jim let the board know that he received quotes on the Backhoe from Caterpillar for \$124,833.75 and the Mini X from Kubota for \$50,166.74. It was noted that both pieces of equipment were being purchased through a Sourcewell contract and will be coming from the Gas fund. Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to accept the pricing on the new Backhoe and Mini X. All present voted "Aye".

New Business:

- a. **The utility department received their first Marketing Assistance Program payment (MAP)**
Jim let the board know that the utility department received their first MAP in the amount of \$11,592.00. He noted that there will be another payment usually late summer. These funds are used for the 811 awareness.
- b. **Consumer Price Index (CPI) is up 3.4%**
Jim informed the board that the CPI was up 3.4% and this increase will affect water and sewer rates starting July 1, 2024. Jim let the board know that in 2015 an ordinance was passed by the city council to review the CPI each year for the water and sewer rates. Currently, Hussey Gay Bell reviews the CPI and advises the city of the rate increases. Paul Fuller made a motion, seconded by Randy Hill to accept the 3.4% CPI increase for water and sewer rates. All present voted "Aye".

c. Annual payment from Utility Service Agreement

The utility department received their annual payment from Utility Service for the license agreement on the water tank. The amount of the payment was \$43,853.00.

d. Gas Prices for April- \$0.65

Updates:

- a. Chris Koczaja with Lightwave Solar will be running a utility interval analysis, and we will have further updates at a future meeting.
- b. The fence repair on Lake Street is complete.
- c. The maintenance painting and repairs on the water tank are going well and should be finished within the next couple of weeks.
- d. Jim received pricing on the new Vac-Tron trailer. The total cost is \$54,310.62. This is being bought through a Sourcewell contract and will be coming from the Water fund.

There being no further business, Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to adjourn the meeting. All present voted "Aye".

Chairman

Director

Member

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