

Bolivar Utility Board
March 1, 2023
12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on March 1, 2023 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman
Randy Hill
Larry Crawford, Councilmember
Paul Fuller
Linc Polk

Others Present:

Cliff Henson, Director
Jim Nuckolls, Asst. Director
Wes Clayton, Attorney
Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the February 8, 2023 minutes. There being no corrections. Councilman Larry Crawford made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to accept the February 8, 2023 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

Old Business:

a. Council approved Federal ARP Matching Funds

Cliff let the board know that the council had approved taking \$255,036.46 from the Utility Fund Balance to use as the match for the ARP Water/Sewer money.

b. Council members approved Resolution 23-001 that will put Jim Nuckolls on the TEAC Board upon Cliff Henson's retirement in April 2023.

c. Well #3 is ok so far but it will continue to be monitored.

New Business:

a. Discussion on increasing charge for upsizing customer's gas meters

Cliff Henson asked the Board for approval to do an up-charge on larger residential gas meters. He explained that some of the newer construction homes require larger gas meters depending on their max BTU outputs. Cliff suggested that the Utility Department do an up charge of \$390 if the home required a larger size to help with the city's cost difference. Currently, the city's cost on 250 gas meters is \$160.00 and for the 425 gas meter is \$550.00. The city does not charge the customer for the normal 250 gas meter, the only charge for a gas meter will be for the up charge to the 425 meter. The discussion was held that in the future the prices of the gas meters should be kept current with any increase the city has purchasing them. The up-charge amount will be an additional line item on the customer's utility bill. Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Link Polk to do the \$390.00 up charge for the 425 residential gas meters. All voted "Aye".

b. Discussion on possibly looking into purchasing a directional boring machine

Cliff let the Board know that the current directional boring machine the Utility Department is not operation. Jim would like to get quotes and prices on a new one to bring back to the Board at a future meeting.

c. Gas Prices for March are \$0.65

Updates:

a. The new trailer jetter has arrived.

b. The company that will be installing the filter consoles at the water plant is waiting on one part. The work should begin around March 15th.

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

Chairman

Director

Member

Assistant Director

Member

Member

Member