

Bolivar Utility Board

August 2, 2023

12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on August 2, 2023 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Mayor McTizic

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman

Paul Fuller

Suzanne Rhea, Council Member

Others Present:

Jim Nuckolls, Director

Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder

Absent: Randy Hill, and Link Polk

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the July 5, 2023 regular session meeting minutes. There being no corrections. Dr. Wilhite made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Suzanne Rhea to approve the July 5, 2023 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

Old Business:

- a. The raw water meter for the water plant should arrive later this month.
- b. The filter at the water plant is still being worked on, Jim will keep the board updated.

New Business:

- a. Jim Nuckolls brought before the Board two engineer prospects to represent Bolivar Utility. Hussey, Gay, Bell Engineers has represented the Utility department for the last 37 years. Robert Stigall has been the engineer for all projects and retired full time in July. In July's meeting, Robert introduced Justin Robinette who will be taking his place. Hussey, Gay, Bell would like to continue to represent the Utility department and will have the same rates as in the past years. The other engineer prospect is Clark Engineering. Jim explained the Clark Engineering is local however they only work on natural gas projects then bring a third party in for water/sewer projects. Jim noted that if the Board approves, he would like to use Clark for some of their natural gas projects to keep business local. After some discussion, Paul Fuller made a motion, seconded by Suzanne Rhea to continue to use Hussey, Gay, Bell and to use Clark Engineering for some natural gas projects. All present voted "Aye".

b. Received the second MAP payment from Kinder Morgan for \$10,849.50

Jim Nuckolls let the Board know that the Utility department had received their second Marketing Assistance Program (MAP) payment of the year. The first one came in April of this year. The amount of the check was \$10,849.50. These funds are used to promote public awareness and buy material for citizens.

c. Gas Prices for August- \$0.65

Updates:

- a. Mayor McTizic updated the Utility Board on Retail Strategies recruitment for the city. The mayor let them know he had a call with them last week and they are in discussion with a few retailers on different spots within the city as well as a large real estate firm who specializes in commercial real estate.

Community Comments: NONE

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

Chairman

Director

Member

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