

Bolivar Utility Board

May 1, 2024

12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on May 1, 2024 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman

Suzanne Rhea, Councilmember

Paul Fuller

Randy Hill

Linc Polk

Others Present:

Jim Nuckolls, Director

Attorney Kevin Snider

Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder

Absent: Mayor McTizic

Chairman Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the April 3, 2024 regular session meeting minutes. There being no corrections. Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to approve the April 3, 2024 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

**Community Comments:** NONE

**Old Business:**

- a. Jim updated the board on his conversations with Pat Plunk regarding the Hornsby water situation. He noted that there was an 8-inch water pipe under the Hatchie River and stops right after the bridge coming into Bolivar. Jim said he would continue to work with Pat to help find a solution on their water issues.
- b. Mr. Nuckolls let the board know that all residents on New Hope and Smalley Roads have paid their gas tap fees.

**New Business:**

- a. Tennessee Public Utility Commission (TPUC) conducted their annual audit for 811 funds and everything was found to be compliant.
- b. **Discussion on Water and Gas Connection Fees and Reconnection Fees**  
Jim brought before the board the proposal to change the water and gas connection fees as well as reconnection fees. The current fees are \$50.00 for connection and \$25.00 for reconnection. Jim asked the board approval to change the connection fee to \$100.00 and reconnection fee to \$50.00. After some discussion, Randy Hill and Suzanne Rhea proposed to the other members charging \$100.00 for both the connection and reconnection fees. The board discussed this option as well and asked Jim for his input, he suggested to go with the rates the Utility department office supervisor, Angelia Beauregard, suggested and if they continue to see a loss of revenue on connection and reconnection fees then they can go with the option of \$100.00 for connection and reconnection fees.

After additional discussion, Randy Hill made a motion, seconded by Linc Polk to go with the suggested \$100 connection fee and \$50.00 reconnection fee. All present voted "Aye".

**c. Gas Prices for May- \$0.65**

**Updates:**

- a. Jim let the board know that the 3 pieces of new equipment they approved had arrived. The pieces of equipment are the vac-tron trailer, a backhoe, and Mini X.
- b. The Town of Toone plans to purchase the old Mini X for \$25,000.00 and the old backhoe will be put for sale on GovDeals at \$25,000.00.
- c. The maintenance painting and repairs on the Lauderdale Street water tank are complete.

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

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