

Bolivar Utility Board

October 2, 2024

12:00 P.M.

The Bolivar Utility Board met in regular session on October 2, 2024 with the following in attendance:

Members Present:

Dr. Jerry Wilhite, Chairman

Mayor McTizic

Suzanne Rhea, Councilmember

Paul Fuller

Linc Polk

Others Present:

Jim Nuckolls, Director

Carri Beth Rhea, City Recorder

Absent: Randy Hill and Attorney Kevin Snider

Dr. Jerry Wilhite called the meeting to order and asked if there were any changes from the September 4, 2024 regular session meeting minutes. There being no corrections. Paul Fuller made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Rhea to approve the September 4, 2024 minutes as written. All present voted "Aye".

Community Comments: NONE

Old Business:

- a. The new sewer camera has arrived and is working well.
- b. Mayor McTizic brought before the board a new contract with Retail Strategies. He noted that he has already discussed this with Chairman Wilhite. The last 3 year contract with Retail Strategies was paid for out of the Gas Fund Economic Development line item. After some discussion, Chairman Wilhite proposed paying for the first year contract of \$45,000, then year 2 at \$45,000.00 and year 3 at \$45,000.00 will be split with the city. The expense will be paid out of the Gas Fund Economic Development line item. The new contract with Retail Strategies will be through October 2027. Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Paul Fuller to move forward with the Retail Strategies contract and will cover year 1 expenses, then split year 2 and 3 with the city. All present voted "Aye".

New Business:

- a. **The Utility Department has received their NPDES permit at the lagoon.**
Jim let the board know that the department has received their NPDES permit for the lagoon. This permit is required every 5 years in order to be able to continue to discharge into the Hatchie River.

- b. Bid documents will be opened this week for the galvanized water line replacement. This is part of the TDEC ARP grant.
- c. Gas prices for October- \$0.65

Updates:

a. Contract proposals from Light Wave Solar.

Jim let the board know that he had received the contract for the solar proposal from Light Wave Energy. It was decided to go with the smaller wattage proposal. The cost for the solar panels will be an estimated \$352,500.00 and if a fence is added and other possible costs it will be estimated closer to \$400,000.00. After some additional discussion on the solar proposal, Councilmember Rhea made a motion, seconded by Linc Polk to accept the proposal for \$352,500.00. All present voted "Aye".

Adjourn:

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

Chairman

Director

Member

Member

Member

Member