

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
RATE INCREASES  
MAY 20, 2014  
4:00 P.M.**

At the appointed time, President Park called the public hearing to order.

Mr. Park welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment on the following rate increases the BPW is proposing to take effect July 20, 2014:

***5% increase in electric and water rates, 5.5% increase in sewer rates for all customers.***

Four customers were in the audience, and the following chose to address the Board:

Joyce Brown, concerned customer, protested the rate increases. She stated there has been no raise in social security and people can't afford any more increases. She is very concerned with the rising cost of energy.

Harry Graves, Enduro Industries, voiced electricity is a very large percent of their company cost. Mr. Graves expressed concern with HBPW doing business with Prairie State, and would like the HBPW to keep an open mind when making decisions for the large area business owners to be able to keep their competitive edge for their business. Discussion was held by Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Park regarding Prairie State. Mr. Stevenson discussed time of use rates to possibly help accommodate Enduro Industries and other business owners.

Mr. Stevenson presented an e-mail from a customer, David Johnson who lives on Lake Apollo Dr. Mr. Johnson could not attend the meeting but asked that Mr. Stevenson read the e-mail to the board. Mr. Johnson supports the rate increases, and requested the majority of the slightly over 5% increase be achieved in the rate portion of the charges, and as little in the monthly customer charge is practical to allow whoever uses the most to pay their fair share. He requested the City Council consider and talk about helping the utility customer by reviewing the transfer fee. He requested the fee be reduced to 4.75%.

Mr. Park thanked everyone for attending the public hearing and expressing their opinions. There being no further comments from the audience, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 4:37 P.M.

*Robert W Stevenson*

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Robert Stevenson – General Manager

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Susan Wathen - Secretary