

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
PUBLIC HEARING  
RATE INCREASES  
JUNE 15, 2016  
5:30 P.M.**

At the appointed time, Mr. Robert Stevenson called the Public Hearing to order.

Mr. Stevenson 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 1, 2016:

***3.5% increase for Water Rates for all customers, and 4.5% increase for Sewer Rates for all customers.***

Customer Comments

Janet Dietrich asked, "Is that going to be a total of an 8% increase in the next 4 years?" Randy Park replied, "This is the third year of our three year obligation of raising those rates." Mr. Stevenson also replied, "This is the final year on both funds, to meet those obligations."

Dave Johnson wanted clarification, "Is the Sewer based rate \$1.00? The rate published was .75 cents." Mr. Stevenson replied, ".75 is correct." Mr. Johnson voiced, "Going forward with future rate increases, I would appreciate it if the HBPW could try to look at the base rate and hold that back as best as you can. With future increases on water and sewer, some communities feel that if the first 2,000 gallons is included in the base rate, it kind of helps even things out for some people. Pittsfield Illinois has a base rate, and the first 2,000 gallons of water and sewer are included. The normal small consumer may save a little bit if you would consider that."

Tom Boland stated, "I am in business here in town with 49 employees and we also own properties. We do not like to see our expenses go up, but we do understand what you have to do. With expenses, regulations, and mandates from Washington and Jefferson City going up, unfunded by the way, this expense has to be covered. We are not pleased with it, but we are in favor because it has to be done."

There being no further comments from the audience, the Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:36p.m.



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Robert Stevenson  
General Manager

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Todd Kendall  
Secretary

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2016  
5:36 P.M.

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| Present: | Randy Park        | President                            |
|          | Betty Anderson    | Vice President                       |
|          | Tim Goodman       | Board Member                         |
|          | Todd Kendall      | Board Member                         |
|          | Robert Stevenson  | General Manager                      |
|          | Heath Hall        | Director of Operations               |
|          | Courtney Harris   | Administrative Assistant             |
|          | Mathew Munzlinger | Water/Wastewater Facilities Engineer |
|          | Abe Gray          | Finance Director                     |
|          | John Hummel       | WWTP Supervisor                      |
|          | Matthew Jones     | IT                                   |
|          | Jared Stewart     | Electric Line Superintendent         |
|          | James Lemon       | City Attorney                        |
|          | George Walley     | Economic Development                 |
|          | Danny Henley      | Hannibal Courier Post                |
|          | Alyse Thompson    | Quincy Herald Whig                   |
|          | Lucas Drulinger   | Ralls County Water                   |
|          | Jim VanHoose      | City Councilman                      |
|          | Kellie Cookson    | Hannibal Resident                    |
|          | Dave Johnson      | Hannibal Resident                    |
|          | Melissa Cogdal    | Hannibal Resident                    |
|          | Tom Boland        | Hannibal Resident                    |
|          | Janet Dietrich    | Hannibal Resident                    |

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:36P.M. by President Randy Park.

### **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Mr. Tim Goodman.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Minutes – May 17, 2016 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
- B) Payrolls – May 27, 2016, June 10, 2016
- C) Claims – May 2016

On motion of Betty Anderson, seconded by Tim Goodman the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Melissa Cogdal, Hannibal Citizen said, "I'm a little confused on the ban about the current water and concerns about water. Could you please explain to me exactly why there is the stance of the ban of communication with the citizens pertaining to the current water system? I understand that some citizens have filed a lawsuit, but that lawsuit has to do with the past 4 years being in violation on the water standards and what does that have to do with the current water system? There is an overwhelming smell of chlorine in my water and I can't ask about it? Can somebody please explain to me the bridges between the two and why the ban?" James Lemon replied, "I don't know specifically what the Boards response has been in regard to all things, but there is not an order that you cannot speak to the Board of Public Works employees. However, if it has to do with the issues that are

related or arguably related to the lawsuit, the City is not going to comment on those because those comments are things which potentially could be used in litigation.” Mr. Stevenson noted, “We have prepared several articles or education pieces to address the questions that you petitioners have brought to the front, and the attorney that we hired to defend us against this lawsuit has been clear that none of that material can be presented, so we are honoring his advice.” Janet Dietrich replied, “What Melissa is talking about is there are current water things that we are questioning, we are not talking about the other petitioners. There are two groups, one group is understandable, but why are you shunning the other group who has legitimate questions that have nothing to do with their petition?” Melissa Cogdal stated, “I’m actually interested about the lawsuit, I feel like I’m being sued to. I just didn’t understand the complete shutdown of communication when my questions and my concerns have nothing to do with the last four years.” James Lemon replied, “The issue is if you start having a conversation, they don’t know exactly where that conversation is going to go. If there are things that you want answered by the Board, I suggest you put it down in writing. I’m not the attorney on the lawsuit, however that attorney would want to see the questions and discuss with them whether or not that touches on the lawsuit or not.” Kellie Cookson stated, “I think that’s a fair answer because then your words are in writing as well, and then it cannot be misconstrued.” Melissa Cogdal stated, “When you shut down communication, it breeds anger and frustration and none of us want that.”

### **GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

Mr. Stevenson reported Terra Technologies is on the job working on the stream mitigation project. A completed permit application was submitted to the Corps of Engineers in late April. It has been under review by Corps staff and was posted for a 30 day public comment period beginning June 9th.

Mr. Stevenson reported he travelled to Columbia, MO to attend the quarterly MPUA meetings and discuss power supply options. The Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) and the subset cities of MoPep have come to a signed agreement with CleanLine Energy. Mr. Stevenson noted Hannibal is not a part of that agreement.

Mr. Stevenson reported Prairie State has been back up and running and Unit #2 was shut down this morning.

Mr. Stevenson reported Kari Goodman is on maternity leave until the end of July.

Mr. Stevenson reported On May 20th, Herman McClain retired from the HBPW Water Treatment Plant. Mr. McClain has been employed since the year 2000. At this time, the Senior Operator position is vacant, and will not be posted until August.

### **OPERATION’S REPORT**

Mr. Hall reported the Electric Department installed two mid-span reclosers during the month on circuit 32 out of Indian Mounds substation and circuit 22 feeding out of Southside substation. These are a result of the Electric System Coordination Study that was completed by BHMG a couple of years ago. It was budgeted to install 3 to 4 mid-span reclosers per fiscal year to spread the cost out of several budget years, but still allow continuous progress on system improvements.

Mr. Hall reported the current availability rate for the last 12 months is 99.993%, and continues to be very impressive.

Mr. Hall reported the electricians continued performing routing maintenance on substations at both plants, on sewer lift stations, and on the four water pumping stations. The crew also completed the installation of the new relays at the Oakwood Sub Station.

Mr. Hall reported the Sewer Crew responded to twelve reported stop ups with two being on the HBPW.

Mr. Hall reported the yearly inspection of creek crossings found six crossings that are in need of repair. Within the next couple of weeks, a plan will be made to repair each of the crossings in need. It is anticipated that all repairs can be completed using the HBPW crew at this time.

Mr. Hall reported construction continues at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). During the end of May and into June, the WTP controls subcontractor (Durkin) has been installing the new alarm and controls system as part of the WTP Upgrade project.

Mr. Hall reported chemical bids for both plants were opened on May 27th. Awards will be issued in the coming weeks to begin on July 1st.

Mr. Hall reported the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) continues to have issues with foam. The staff is zeroing in on a solution to eliminate the foam and prevent future occurrences.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Abe Gray presented the Board with the financial results for the month of May 2016 and year to date results.

### **PROJECTS REPORT**

Mathew Munzlinger presented the Board with an updated progress report of ongoing projects. This includes projects from the Water System and Water Treatment Plant, as well as the Sewer System and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Munzlinger noted the progress of these projects and studies is acceptable and will continue as weather permits.

On motion of Todd Kendall, seconded by Betty Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Regular Reports.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Stevenson presented the revised Water and Sewer rate schedules. Mr. Stevenson recommended the Board approve the revised rates that support the FY2016-2017 budget.

On motion of Tim Goodman, seconded by Todd Kendall, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Water Rate Schedule as presented for the 2016-2017 year.

On motion of Betty Anderson, seconded by Tim Goodman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Sewer Rate Schedule as presented for the 2016-2017 year.

### **Martin General Contractors Change Order No.2**

Matt Munzlinger reported Change Order No.2 is an accumulation of different items encountered through the construction of the improvements at the WTP that staff felt necessary to complete at the time. The total cost associated with this change order is in addition to Martin General Contractors' contract of \$32,279.00. With the WTP construction nearly complete and the fact that Martin General Contractors have already completed these tasks, it is our recommendation to approve Change Order No. 2 for Martin General Contractors.

On motion of Betty Anderson, seconded by Tim Goodman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Martin General Contractors Change Order No.2 as presented.

### **Horner & Shifrin Contract Amendment**

Matt Munzlinger reported the basis for the Horner & Shifrin Contract Amendment is to include an item that was left out of the original contract. There was an item to design a dechlorination system that was proposed under the original scope, and it was left out of the original contract. Mr. Munzlinger recommended to approve Contract Amendment No. 3 for Horner & Shifrin for \$46,899.00.

On motion of Betty Anderson, seconded by Tim Goodman, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Horner & Shifrin Contract Amendment as presented.

### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

#### **CLEAN LINE ENERGY UPDATE**

Mr. Stevenson reported the Clean Line Energy (CLE) project is now moving forward with 35 Missouri cities as committed transmission customers, and Hannibal is not among those cities. Mr. Stevenson had reported in a previous meeting and articles in the Hannibal Courier Post that it would be a great benefit to Hannibal

customers to become a customer of CLE. Mr. Stevenson noted we expect to receive an offer from MPUA to join in the contract approved between CLE and the MoPEP cities. At this time the HBPW has not received an offer, and if the recommendation is made it will require both Board and Council approval.

**CITY ATTORNEY – PENDING MATTERS**

NONE

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

NONE

**CLOSED SESSION**

Betty Anderson made a motion to convene in closed session, in accordance with Section 610.021 (12) of the Missouri Sunshine Law, to discuss Contracts admitting Board Members, Robert Stevenson, Heath Hall, James Lemon, Matt Munzlinger, and Abe Gray. Motion seconded by Todd Kendall. ROLL CALL: AYES: Board Members, Randy Park, Betty Anderson, Tim Goodman, and Todd Kendall. NAYS: 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Betty Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Tim Goodman and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

*Robert W Stevenson*

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Robert Stevenson  
General Manager

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Todd Kendall  
Secretary