

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2012

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:12 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Julie Roberts, Sam Frank, Jason Banach, and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy John Langley, Phil Peden, Michael Horstman, Jon Callahan, and Tom Axsom. Others present: Sue Mayer.

MINUTES

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Frank seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 24th meeting. Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Ehman, Roman, and Whikehart).

CLAIMS

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Frank seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted to the controller's Office on October 3rd included \$650,072.99 from the Water Utility; \$379,438.74 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$6,057.04 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total Claims approved, \$1,035,568.82.

Board President Swafford asked about payment 18 for the Dillman Road Energy Savings contract. Utilities Director Murphy said it is one of the bi-annual payments for the Energy Savings Contract. Mr. Swafford asked how many more years the contract is for. Mr. Murphy said there would be two more payments next year, then the contract will end.

Motion carried, 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Ehman, Roman, and Whikehart).

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no subcommittee meetings.

STAFF REPORTS:

There were no staff reports.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Utilities Deputy Director Langley said there is a need to re-visit the streamlining changes to the Sewer Use Ordinance, and also some changes to the enforcement response plan. He said the process will kick off on Wednesday when a public notice will be published on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the installation of the streamlining changes to the ERP, and other changes to the municipal ordinance. The USB originally passed this ordinance in January of 2011. It was sent to the EPA for comments. They replied on September 16th, and asked for it to be passed within 90 days. Mr. Langley said he has requested an extension on that time to allow for adequate public input. He told the USB, if they get questions about the public notice, the process will culminate with Utilities in early December. After the USB passes it, it will go to the City Council for approval. There will be draft documents that outline the changes to all three major divisions of the ordinance that are being changed. It should be ready by the end of this week. He will email a draft ordinance to the USB.

Mr. Langley said a staff work session will be scheduled to meet with affected parties on October 25th, from 5:00 to 7:30 pm. This will be a discussion format. The first hour and a half of that meeting will be devoted to the effects on industry

Between October 25th and December 3rd, when the USB will vote on the ordinance changes, he will be working with Environmental Committee members to update them on any public comment, and issues that have arisen from the public meeting. There will be an Environmental Subcommittee meeting at 4:00 pm on December 3rd, to ask for recommendation for passage by the entire USB. On December 5th the first reading for the City Council will take place, which kicks off a three week review process.

Board President Swafford said the September 28th addition of USA Today had a headline that the nation's water costs are rushing higher. They listed Atlanta having an increase off 233%, San Francisco 211%, Willmington 200%, Philadelphia 164%, Portland 161%, and Sioux Falls 140%. So there are a lot of places around the Country with major water increases.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President