

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

October 7th, 2013

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:11 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Julie Roberts, John Whikehart, Jason Banach, Sam Frank, and Pedro Roman. Staff members present: John Langley, Tom Axsom, Mike Bengtson, Michael Horstman, Phil Peden, Mike Hicks, and Jon Callahan.

MINUTES

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Roman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 23rd meeting.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Ehman).

CLAIMS

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Roman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Vendor invoices submitted to the Controller's Office on October 11th included \$524,132.23 from the Water Utility; \$861,333.51 from the Wastewater Utility; and \$50,382.92 from the Stormwater Utility. Total Claims approved, \$1,435,848.66.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Ehman).

Board Member Banach inquired about the numerous AT&T Mobility charges, and the variance in them. Deputy Director Langley explained that on some claims, more than one cell phone is included. Each claim reflects a department's total of cell phones. Mr. Banach inquired about cell phone use policies, and Mr. Langley suggested that Purchasing Manager Julie Martindale would be happy to meet with him and explain the policy thoroughly.

Wire transfers and fees for the month of August 2013:

Board Member Roberts moved and Board Member Roman seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees for the month of August in the amount of \$1,485,142.98.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Ehman).

Assistant Director of Finance Horstman explained a change in the items on the list of wire transfers. Per the State Board of Accounts, CBU will now include payroll claims on the list of wire transfers.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

N/A

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administrative Subcommittee Chair Whikehart reported from the subcommittee meeting which took place at 4:30pm today. The subcommittee heard an appeal from Ray McConn of Mother Bear's Pizza, which appealed a grease interceptor requirement that is part of the Bloomington Municipal Code. Mr. McConn is expanding his business to an adjacent space, which brings the restaurant to the new requirements. Mr. McConn is appealing on the basis of the need for and expense of a large grease interceptor. Mr. Whikehart explained that the way the ordinance is written, it is meant to capture the worst case scenario potential for grease going into the system, rather than actual levels of grease output.

The subcommittee heard from Mr. McConn, as well as Deputy Director Langley, and reviewed the Municipal Code. Mr. Whikehart asked if the code was clear and consistently enforced, and Mr. Langley assured that it was. The subcommittee voted to deny the appeal, prefaced by a request that CBU staff allow as much time as practical and possible for the restaurant to comply with the new requirement.

Board Member Whikehart moved and Board Member Roman seconded the motion to deny the appeal by Mother Bear's Pizza for a grease interceptor.

Motion carried, 6 ayes, 1 member absent, (Ehman).

Board Member Roman requested an explanation of the language in the ordinance that triggers the grease interceptor requirements. Mr. Langley explained that the ordinance states that if you alter the kitchen or plumbing "significantly" in the building you are subject to the new rule. CBU also looked at the fact that in the past three years, the size of the restaurant has tripled. Mr. Roman clarified that restaurants are grandfathered in until they remodel – changing fixtures, plumbing work, etc. Mr. Langley confirmed this to be the case.

STAFF REPORTS:

N/A

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President