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Service Board

Memo To: All Utility Board Members
From: Bob Logan, Chairman
Date: June 14, 2019
Re: Agenda for June 20, 2019 Utility Service Board Meeting

Dear Board Member:

This is to inform you of our Board Meeting to be held Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Marion Utilities Administration Building at 1540 North Washington Street, Marion, Indiana.

The following will be the agenda:

- I. **ROLL CALL**
- II. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**
- III. **CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS**
- IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Regular meeting of June 6, 2019
- V. **FINANCIALS**
 - A. May, 2019
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Update on Projects- R. Shrader





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VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Transfers & Pay Requests – Senior Leadership Team
- B. Sponsorship Request- C. Binkerd
- C. Transfer Station Fees- C. Binkerd
- D. Banking Services Selection- C. Binkerd

VIII. STAFF REPORTS

- A. Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance- R. Shrader
- B. Utility Director- C. Binkerd

IX. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

X. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

XI. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, July 18, 2019

Robert Logan, Chairman
Marion Utility Service Board

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BOARD MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2019 MEETING

The Marion Utility Service Board held their meeting on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the board room of the Administration building at Marion Utilities, 1540 N. Washington Street, Marion, Indiana.

Roll was called and those board members present were: Bob Logan, Chairman; Doug Carl, Vice Chairman; Mike Barney; Bill Dorsey; Von Jackson; and Herschel Lewis. Al Green was absent.

Also present at the meeting were: Chuck Binkerd, Director; Robin Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance; Mike Conner, Attorney; Alan Miller, Council Liaison; Shana Martin, Accounting and Billing Coordinator; Misty Humphries, Board Secretary; and Mark Theel, Marion Utilities.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of June 6, 2019. All board members present vote aye. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIALS

Ms. Martin presented the financials for May. The disbursements for the operating funds were a little high due to insurance claims for property, general liability, auto, and cyber liability for the entire year being paid. There were also three payroll periods in May. The bottom line does reflect a small gain. Mr. Logan questioned the required minimum balances. Mr. Binkerd said that the minimum balances were low due to the high disbursements. The balances will self-correct though. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, to approve the financials as presented. All board members present vote aye. Motion carried unanimously.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS

Mrs. Shrader reported that the Watson Excavating Project at Home Avenue is finally complete. They are waiting on some asphalt batch tickets to process the final pay request. Dave's Excavating dropped off a signed contract and performance bond for the Training Center parking lot.

TRANSFERS & PAY REQUESTS

Mrs. Shrader presented the third pay request in the amount of \$29,462.44 to Muhlenkamp.



Mrs. Shrader said that she anticipates that this would be the last meeting in this room. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson, to approve the pay request as presented. All board members present vote aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Mr. Binkerd reported that the Board has supported the Grant County Economic Growth Council annually. The Growth Council is requesting a \$1,000 donation. The past amount was \$353. Mr. Binkerd stated that he sits on the Council as a consultant. Mr. Dorsey asked why the Board couldn't step into a larger amount incrementally. Mr. Binkerd stated that the request received was for \$1,000; but the support amount could be at the Board's pleasure. Mr. Miller added that the City is supporting the Growth Council in the \$65,000 to \$75,000 range. Mr. Carl added that he was on the Council several years ago and a \$1,000 would be a reasonable request given the work that they do for the community. Mr. Logan spoke to the development work that the Grant County Economic Growth Council does for the community, and the integral part they played in bringing businesses to town. Mr. Carl moved, seconded by Mr. Lewis, to approve a \$1,000 donation. A roll call vote was called. The vote was as follows: Mr. Barney, aye; Mr. Carl, aye; Mr. Dorsey, aye; Mr. Jackson, aye; Mr. Lewis, aye; and Mr. Logan, aye. Motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER STATION FEES

Mr. Binkerd presented Resolution 5-2019 to the Board. He explained that the rates in the black font were the current Transfer Station fees. He explained that this request does not affect the monthly fee of \$13.80. The Resolution pertained only to the Transfer Station Fees. Mr. Pinkerton and Mr. Binkerd reviewed the costs as well as what similar vendors are providing as far as services and charges. The usage is up and only increasing. Mr. Binkerd explained that the numbers in red font were the proposed Transfer Station fees. Mr. Binkerd said that the only item presented differently is the charge for miscellaneous Solid Waste. Mr. Pinkerton is requesting the Board change the measurement from tons to cubic yards. The reason for this is because official scales are not present at the transfer station. Mr. Pinkerton would recommend a change to \$10 per cubic yard for miscellaneous Solid Waste. Mr. Binkerd said that they were trying to get the fees to mirror the actual costs. The effective date would be effective July 1st. Mr. Carl asked if the potential revenues for increasing the fees had been calculated. Mr. Binkerd said it would be a 20% increase. Mr. Carl verified that the Board could increase the fees. Mr. Conner confirmed that the Ordinance gives the Board the authority to establish ancillary fees. Mr. Binkerd explained that these fees are for Transfer Station fees that are separate from the monthly \$13.80 fee. Mr. Binkerd said when the cost per ton is examined, they are at \$30-35 per ton. The Utility charges \$40 per ton. Mr. Conner said that if customers knew the rates perhaps it would cut down on illegal dumping. Mr. Binkerd said that the rates have been publicized, and it has made some improvement throughout the City. However, Mr. Conner is right. If we did more advertising, perhaps more people would use the Transfer Station. Mr. Dorsey asked about Neighborhood Clean-Ups and if there was a cost. Mr. Binkerd explained that the Neighborhood Clean-Ups are usually organized through the City or Neighborhood Associations. There is not a charge for those events. The costs for those events are covered by Transfer Station fees. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, to approve Resolution 5-2019 updating the Transfer Station Fees. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

BANKING SERVICES SELECTION

Mr. Binkerd explained that the banking services issue has been out there for a while. There were five proposals. Two providers were asked to come in for presentations. They were Star Financial and First Farmers. Mr. Binkerd said that he liked that Star had multiple locations. Star is willing to take payments at all three City locations. Mr. Binkerd said that he felt Star had more technological experience. He also like that Star has a local Vice President that is available to us if needed. Mr. Binkerd said that either choice is a good choice. Mr. Carl said that he and Mr. Logan looked at both presentations extensively and from a financial aspect. Mr. Carl said that he is comfortable with either one. However, the multiple locations will be a help to customers. Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Barney, to approve the selection of Star Financial as the new banking services provider. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

R. Shrader, Assistant Director for Operations & Maintenance

Mrs. Shrader reported that the rehab on the Butler Street Tank foundation was close to being done. Some sledge dewatering equipment was rented. This was due to the weather causing an inability to get on farmer's fields. It provided another opportunity for data gathering as well. Mrs. Shrader reminded the Board that on August 20th, the Senior Leadership Team would be presenting information at an earlier bird session during the IWEA conference. She invited the Board to attend and would happy to make reservations for those interested in attending.

C. Binkerd, Executive Director

Mr. Binkerd said he wanted to express his appreciation for Mrs. Shrader's involvement in State level Committees. Mr. Binkerd also reported that he presented Resolution 4-2019 to the City Council. This was the Resolution that the Board passed at their last meeting regarding intervention in the I&M Rate Increase Case. The Council also passed the Resolution. Mr. Binkerd said he would bring updates to the Board as things progressed.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Jackson thanked Mr. Binkerd and Mrs. Shrader of the changes in laws and regulations, changes in technologies, industry standards and processes as well as their collaboration with other Utilities and Committees.

Mr. Dorsey asked how the Solid Waste truck roll over claim was progressing. Mrs. Humphries explained that the claim had been transferred to a heavy equipment adjuster, the truck was at the body shop, and an estimate was underway.

Mr. Miller wanted to clarify that the City does not have their own Economic Development Department any longer. The Grant County Economic Growth Council has been the City's sole source for economic development.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Logan thanked Mr. Carl for filling in while he was traveling at the last board meeting. He also thanked everyone for their attendance.

Due to the July 4th holiday, the next meeting is scheduled for July 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building at Marion Utilities, 1540 N. Washington Street.

There being no further business before the board, Mr. Lewis moved, seconded by Mr. Carl, that the meeting be adjourned. All board members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Robert Logan, Chairman

Marion Utilities Service Board

ATTEST


Misty Humphries

Its Secretary