Bryant Water and Wastewater Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, February 1, 2021

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: 210 SW 3rd Street, Bryant, AR 72022

Members Present: Madison McEntyre, Kathy Barber, Robert Griffin, Alan Kays and Jack Moseley

Members Absent: David Hannah, Linda Levart and Wade Boone

Staff Present: Ted Taylor, Angela Shepard, Ashley Clancy and Tim Fournier

Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by: **Alan Kays**

Minutes: Motion to Approve January Minutes as Presented: **Robert Griffin**

Motion Seconded: **Kathy Barber**
Motion carried with all aye votes

The Chairman, Alan Kays, made a motion to strike the nomination of elected officials from the minutes as it had occurred in December. Robert Griffin accepted the motion and it was seconded by Kathy Barber.

Robert Griffin made a motion to move Public Comments up to the first item of business it was seconded by Madison McEntyre.

Citizen's Concerns/Public Comments: There were no public comments or citizen concerns present.

January Leak Adjustment Requests: All requested adjustments provided receipts. The Highway 5 leak adjustment request from the prior months meeting was addressed and Tim reported that the customer went before the council and to his knowledge it was resolved.

Motion to Approve Leak Adjustments: **Robert Griffin**
Motion Seconded: **Kathy Barber**
Motion carried with all aye votes

Financials: The Committee reviewed the attached financial statement. Joy reiterated to the committee that they are watching the cash flow very closely and when the new rates kick in they will bring the budget back to them about what can be done moving forward. Kathy Barber asked if the year ended with the 10% debt coverage. Joy replied that as of now, yes and not problems are anticipated.

Motion to Approve **December** financials: **Robert Griffin**

Motion Seconded: **Kathy Barber**
Motion carried with all aye votes

Old Business **2022 Rate Adjustment:** Ted explained that a rate adjustment was approved last year. Current bills are now showing the increase. It was explained that the senior citizen discount will adjust based on the new rates. In 1997 an ordinance was passed for adjustment credits and it was determined that it should be a percentage that is approximately $4. Moving forward this is being applied.

New Business

Leak Adjustment Resolution: Ashley Clancy, Attorney for the city, explained a few things regarding the laws and why they are written the way they are. It was expressed that the reason for this is that decisions are not made emotionally and that they are made objectively. She also explained that the City Council is bound by the same law as the Committee and to pass this information along to leak adjustment requests in order to mitigate relief assistance sought solely by City Council. Ted Taylor presented a couple of different options and what offers could be extended in lieu of the current law.

Neptune Meter Presentation: Brad with Neptune Meters gave the committee a presentation on their metering system.

Projects

CAO Status: Projects are being determined based on severity as well as the forecasting of revenues with the expectation of the rate adjustment moving forward. Several pipe bursting and man hole rehab projects were discussed as these save the city money doing the work in house.

Saline Regional Public Water Authority Update: Ted explained that County is expected to give approximately 15 million in assistance. Currently, ARNC paperwork is being filled out for processing. More updates will be available at the next months meeting.

Tyler User Interface: Tim had a very long meeting with Tyler regarding the transition and still progressing.

Reports

Mueller System Upgrade: Mueller has sent contractors out for installation of additional nodes. Collectors have been ordered and will arrive shortly. There is no expected timeline that this project will be completely.

With no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn:	**Robert Griffin**
Motion Seconded:	**Jack Moseley**

Motion carried with all aye votes