

Utility Service Board Meeting  
September 25, 2014

Members Present: Sue Siefert, Henry Pictor, Tim Dietz  
Member(s) Absent: Arnold Kirschner, Clifford Nordmeyer  
Also Present: Comptroller Douglas Browne, Water Manager Steve Wintz, Gas Manager Scott Bauer, Clerk Treasurer Ron Weigel and Mayor Rick Fledderman

Chairperson Sue Siefert called the meeting of the Utility Service Board to order at 12:00 noon at the Mayor's Conference Room.

Mr. Dietz moved to accept the minutes of the August 28th Utility Service Board meeting. Mr. Pictor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wintz presented the Water Operations Report and Mr. Bauer presented the Gas Operations Report to the Board.

Mr. Browne then presented the Financial Reports. Mr. Browne recommended investing \$300,000 for 3 months, only if the interest rate is more than 0.50%. Otherwise, the cash is not to be invested. Mr. Pictor moved to approve the Investment recommendations, Operations, Financial and Investment Reports. Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Claims for September were next discussed. Mr. Dietz moved to approve the Water Claims for this month. Mr. Pictor seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Pictor moved to approve the Gas Claims plus the APGA Security and Integrity Foundation invoice for \$395 for this month. Mr. Dietz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Wintz and Mr. Bauer presented the Capital Improvements Report for August to the Board.

Ms. Siefert mentioned that she was approached by Jim Gigrich about the possibility of running a gas line along SR 46 west of town. The Board asked Mr. Bauer to investigate how feasible it would be to do so.

Mr. Wintz updated the Board on the Mollenkramer project, indicating that 11,900 cubic yards of dirt have been removed to date.

Mr. Wintz updated the Board on the progress being made regarding the long-term water supply project. He is waiting for Franklin County Water to get back with him with some cost numbers. Mr. Wintz informed the Board that he is currently in discussion with Ken Wanstrath and representatives of Franklin County Water to get

an extension of time of perhaps 60 to 90 days to exercise the option to purchase land owned by Ken Wanstrath. Mr. Pictor provided a sample "Memorandum of Agreement" between Batesville Water Utility and Franklin County Water for the Board's consideration, subject to review by the city attorney. No action was taken at this time.

There was some discussion on setting the budget date when all Board members could be in attendance. Since two Board members were absent, the Board asked Mr. Browne to coordinate with all Board members and arrange a date and time when all Board members could attend. The meeting will be held at the Utility's conference room, with date and time to be determined.

There was extensive discussion about whether or not there are excess funds in the Gas Utility. Board members voiced concern about how old some of the existing gas system is becoming, indicating that funds need to be set aside to replace the older gas lines. There was some discussion about the capital improvement budget and actual expenditures. Some Board members voiced that if there are excess funds declared that such funds somehow be targeted to purchase the Wanstrath property and fund other Water Utility projects. Also, the Board has previously made a commitment to evaluate each year whether or not excess funds exist to contribute \$250,000 to Ivy Tech in that given year. So far, \$500,000 has been contributed to Ivy Tech, with an additional \$500,000 being pledged by the City of Batesville at \$250,000 per year over the next two years. No decisions were made at this time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Utility Service Board will be Thursday, October 30, 2014 at 12:00 noon at the Mayor's Conference Room, in the Memorial Building.

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Chairperson  
Sue Siefert

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Secretary  
Douglas Browne