

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Regular Board Meeting

Monday, May 20, 2024
Time: 4:00p.m.

Present:

John Ortwerth
William Fisher
William Dees
Kellie Cookson

President
Vice President
Secretary
Board Member

Darrin Gordon
Courtney Harris
Mathew Munzlinger
Matthew Jones
Paul Trenhaile
Jared Stewart
Erica Mitchell

General Manager
Administrative Support Specialist
Director of Operations
Senior IT Specialist
Finance Director
Superintendent of Lineman
Coordinator of Customer & Community Relations

Andrew Patterson
Barry Louderman
Mike Dobson
Melissa Cogdal
Marty Kocher
Hayden Donaldson

Lemon Law Firm
Mayor
City Councilman
City Clerk
Hannibal Citizen
KHQA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m. by John Ortwerth.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by John Ortwerth.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Minutes – April 23, 2024 & May 6 & 7, 2024
- B) Payrolls – May 3 & 17, 2024
- C) Claims – April 2024

On motion of William Dees, seconded by William Fisher, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

NONE

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT - DARRIN GORDON

Darrin Gordon reported the PFAS rule has been propagated by the EPA, and there could be new regulations on the horizon to test the drinking water. Currently, the MDNR (Missouri Department of Natural Resources) has yet to complete their rule making for PFAS, but Mr. Gordon is anticipating the state will be putting regulations in place soon. Mr. Gordon noted the state testing will determine whether PFAS is in the drinking water and the state rule will prescribe actions such as notifying consumers and reducing the levels of PFAS if needed. Mr. Gordon voiced that PFAS was tested at the HBPW in 2012, and the results were non detect. This testing was completed prior to the GAC system being installed. Mr. Gordon voiced he will be updating everyone as he receives information on the rule.

Darrin Gordon reported in late April, Ameren Missouri announced the retirement of the Rush Island coal-fired power plant located in Jefferson County Missouri, that provides 1242 MW of power to the Missouri MISO Zone. The HBPW is located in Zone 5, and the announcement put our zone on the edge of lower capacity to demand. Mr. Gordon noted the capacity auction was held in April 2024, and the effects of the auction results will raise the purchase power by \$4.3 Million dollars for the coming fiscal year. After receiving this information, Administration determined the additional cost will necessitate a rate increase in October 2024. Mr. Gordon noted we are currently seeking an RFP to perform a Cost-of-Service rate study. Administration is also pursuing other avenues of redress

through MPUA, with other legal means and possible legal remedies. Mr. Gordon will keep updating everyone as the situation progresses.

Board Member Kelly Cookson voiced if the capacity charges were to go down, would the Board be able to amend the rates to a lower percentage? Mr. Gordon noted we can absolutely amend the rates and decrease the percentage if that is a possibility in the future.

OPERATIONS REPORT – MATHEW MUNZLINGER

Matt Munzlinger reported the number of outages for the month of April increased due to tree and squirrel events along with equipment malfunctions. The overall availability rate for the past 12 months stayed high and steady at 99.989%.

Matt Munzlinger reported the Electric crew has continued working with the contractors with relocations needed for the Third Street Viaduct Project.

Matt Munzlinger reported at the WTP (Water Treatment Plant) the production numbers were up again last month. A lab inspection was recently held at the plant, and we were re-certified from the Missouri Department of Public Health.

Matt Munzlinger reported the Water crew completed flushing of 369 fire hydrants as part of the annual flushing/fire hydrant testing.

Matt Munzlinger reported a contract crew was in town and completed wash outs and inspections of the Southside and Warren Barrett tanks. The crew also completed visual inspections of the other tanks. The visual inspections occur annually, and the interior is inspected on a 5-year rotation.

Matt Munzlinger reported at the WWTP (Wastewater Treatment Plant) we had about the same amount of sewage treated during April of 2024 in comparison to April of 2023. Mr. Munzlinger noted due to a high amount of rainfall during the month, the WWTP had a max day of 10.3M gallons going through the plant.

Matt Munzlinger reported at the WWTP the crew is continuing to administer total phosphorus testing to establish a baseline for future regulation. Mr. Munzlinger noted there will be changes in the coming years.

Matt Munzlinger reported on April 20th, the HBPW was proud to co-sponsor with Hannibal Parks & Recreation, the Chamber of Commerce and US Cellular for Hannibal's annual Earth Day Cleanup event. There were over 40 volunteers that dedicated their Saturday morning picking up trash around the city of Hannibal. Mr. Munzlinger noted the HBPW was able to count that towards the MS4 compliance.

Matt Munzlinger reported IT is continuing to update and maintain the computer system and metering program.

PROJECTS REPORT – MATHEW MUNZLINGER

Mathew Munzlinger presented the Board with an updated progress report including projects from the Electric, Water System, Water Treatment Plant, Sewer System, Wastewater Treatment Plant and Stormwater. Mr. Munzlinger noted the progress of these projects and studies are acceptable and will continue as the weather permits.

FINANCIAL REPORT – PAUL TRENHAILE

Paul Trenhaile presented the Board with the financial results for the month of April 2024, year-to-date results, and key financial ratios. Mr. Trenhaile presented the Dashboard presentation to the Board as a review of Key Performance Indicators trailing the last six months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Stormwater Discussion – Darrin Gordon

Darrin Gordon introduced and welcomed Mayor Barry Louderman to present information regarding Stormwater. Mr. Gordon voiced during the last year; the Stormwater committee compiled a great plan that unfortunately did not pass on the April ballot. After much collaboration and review of the Hannibal City Charter, the Mayor and Mr. Gordon voiced they would like to propose changing the language in the charter. Section 11.07 reads: "The Board of Public Works shall have the authority to construct, manage, supervise, and control the municipal electric, water systems, and wastewater treatment and collection system, artificial underground stormwater collection systems, and any future additions and improvements thereto and of any other public facilities which the City of Hannibal may hereafter construct or otherwise operate, own, or acquire." Mr. Gordon noted within those duties, it does not say fund, however the second paragraph of section 11.07 states, "The Board shall have the exclusive power and the duty to establish rates and provide for the assessment and collection of charges for municipal electric, water, (Add In: stormwater systems) or sanitary sewer system or other utilities, or the product or services of any other plant or works of the city which the Board may have under its supervision, control or operation. The Board shall

have additional powers, duties and functions as may be conferred upon it by ordinance.” The proposal would be to add “stormwater systems” to the charter language of the second paragraph, and this would have to be voted on by the citizens of Hannibal. Mr. Gordon noted if this were to pass, this would give the HBPW the authority and power to set a flat rate for the Stormwater utility. Mayor Louderman voiced the reason we didn’t look into this to start with is the Missouri supreme court said you cannot treat this like a regular utility. After collaborating with Attorney James Lemon, he voiced there is a possible path we can use as a utility to add on language and change the charter. Mayor Louderman voiced he believes doing a flat fee at a monthly rate would be more supported by the Hannibal citizens. At this time, the proposed change would need to be placed on the April 2025 ballot, and Mayor Louderman plans to update everyone with information within the next couple of months. Mayor Louderman voiced Attorney Lemon will be collaborating with the state of Missouri to have everything in order to move forward with the process.

Mr. Gordon voiced in addition to the Stormwater discussion, the Board members have voiced they are in favor of a 5th Board member being added on to the HBPW Board. This would also require another change to the charter.

CITY ATTORNEY – PENDING MATTERS

NONE

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Citizen Marty Kocher applauded the efforts of the Mayor to get the Stormwater proposal set up. Mr. Kocher voiced he appreciated the Mayor complimenting the committee, and noted it’s the landlords and landowners that will be the hardest to sell on the newest proposal. Mr. Kocher agreed that a separate utility should have been established years ago, and thanked the Mayor, Darrin Gordon, and Board Members for trying to solve the problem.

CLOSED SESSION

William Dees made a motion to convene in closed session, in accordance with Section 610.021(3)(12) of the Missouri Sunshine Law, to convene in closed session to discuss Personnel & Contracts admitting John Ortwerth, William Fisher, William Dees, Kellie Cookson, Darrin Gordon, Mathew Munzlinger, Paul Trenhaile, Courtney Harris & Andrew Patterson. Motion seconded by William Fisher. ROLL CALL: AYES: Board Members, John Ortwerth, William Fisher, William Dees & Kellie Cookson. NAYS: 0.

ADJOURNMENT

William Fisher made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by John Ortwerth and carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56p.m.



Darrin Gordon
General Manager



William Dees
Secretary