

MARSHALL MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

**75 East Morgan
Marshall, MO 65340**

November 2, 2023

The Board of Public Works convened in a regular session in the MMU Service Center Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. Board members present were Steve Mills, President; Chuck Hines, Secretary; and Ken Bryant, Member. Spencer Fricke, Vice President, joined via phone.

The agenda was amended to add an action item from Grant Piper, then approved on a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Fricke, with a vote of 3-0. The October 12th meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Hines, seconded by Mr. Bryant, with a vote of 3-0.

Human Resources Manager Megan Baldrige presented the employee medical health benefit renewal for 2024. The renewal offer from Blue KC for medical insurance is an overall increase of 4.9%, which is below expectations and budget. Premium rates for the base medical plan, which is a high deductible health plan (HDHP) and eligible for a health savings account (HSA), will increase by 4.3%. Premium rates for additional plans that are buy-up options will increase by 6.9%. She also recommended reducing the additional assistance with dependent premiums to 52% for Employee+Spouse and Employee+Child(ren) and 66% for Employee+Family coverage effective with the January 1, 2024 renewal. After discussion, Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept medical insurance renewal from Blue KC, as presented, effective January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Manager Baldrige then presented employee ancillary (dental, vision, life, disability, voluntary) health benefits currently with MetLife. Their renewal offer is a 6% increase in dental, but no increase of the premiums for other benefits. Mr. Hines made a motion to accept ancillary insurance renewal from MetLife, as presented, effective January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Mr. Hines noted he was pleased to see the workers' compensation experience modification rating. Manager Baldrige added it provides savings on the work comp insurance premiums, but most importantly that employees are not getting hurt. Beginning with the April 1, 2024 policy year, the rating will remain at 0.83 for a second consecutive year. This is the lowest rating since 2003.

Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Travis Boss requested approval to replace the 10" filter effluent valves and actuators. The filter effluent valves are leaking and no longer seal completely, allowing water to continue to flow through the filters. After discussing other options, Mr. Hines made a motion to request proposals to supply and install new valves and actuators. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Boss presented bids received for replacing trucks #206 and #207. Bids were opened on October 31st, with six dealers responding.

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#03-24-WTP ½ Ton, 4WD #206 ¾ Ton, 4 WD #207 Due: October 31, 2023	½ Ton, 4WD #206			¾ Ton, 4 WD #207		
	Bid	Make & Model	Delivery Time	Bid	Make & Model	Delivery Time
Hoflander Ford Higginsville, MO 64037	\$44,065	2024 Ford F-150 XL	2-6 mo.	\$49,972	2024 Ford F-250 XL	3-6 mo.
Elmer Hare Ford Marshall, MO 65340	\$40,155	2024 Ford F-150	16 wk.min.	\$45,040	2024 Ford F-250	16 wk. min.
Warrensburg Ford Warrensburg, MO 64093	\$42,216	2024 Ford F-150	4 mo.	\$47,738	2024 Ford F-250	4 mo.
Rick Ball Ford Sedalia, MO 65301	\$41,410	2024 Ford F-150	ASAP	\$47,285	2024 Ford F-250	ASAP
Pettijohn Auto Center Bethany, MO 64424	\$42,637	2024 Ford F-150	Unknown	\$48,220	2024 Chevy 2500	Unknown
W-K Sedalia, MO 65301	\$38,690	2024 1500	Less than 2 wk.	\$48,215	2024 2500	Avail. as of 10/30/23

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid from W-K for a 2024 1500 in the amount of \$38,690 and the bid from Elmer Hare Ford for a 2024 F-250 in the amount of \$45,040. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Boss reported the filter influent valve contractor has the correct couplings and they are working on scheduling the work. The filter media project is waiting for the media to arrive. Crews continue taking soil samples from area farms, but lead times from the lab are a six-week minimum. He will be looking for alternative labs.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Eric Perkins requested approval to replace two trucks, #413 and #401. Truck #413 is a 1999 Ford F-150 2WD ½-ton with 83,851 miles, and is the oldest truck at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Truck #401 is a 2006 Chevy Silverado 2WD ½-ton truck with 72,299 miles used by the Lab Tech. Both are showing their age. He would like to replace each truck with a ½-ton 4x4. Mr. Bryant made a motion to request bids for two new ½-ton 4x4 trucks. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Superintendent Perkins then reported there is a technician on-site today to program the PLC for the bar screen; he hopes it will be running today. The contractor for the upper filter building roof has dropped off supplies; they should be starting soon.

Electric Distribution Director Doug Root presented bids received for the three-year tree trimming/brush spraying contract. Bids were opened on October 24th. Three bids and one ‘no bid’ were received. Two of the bids provided no price increases for years two and three; Director Root contacted those companies (Poor Boy Tree Service and Davey Tree Expert) to see if they would honor their pricing throughout the three years. Poor Boy stated they would, but Davey Tree stated they could not and withdrew their bid.

1-24-ED Contract	Distribution	Transmission
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Tree Trimming													
	General Foreman		Working Foreman		Journeyman		Apprentice or Laborer		Timberland Operator		Apprentice or Laborer		
	Straight Time	Over Time	Straight Time	Over Time	Straight Time	Over Time	Straight Time	Over Time	Straight Time	Over Time	Straight Time	Over Time	
DC Tree Company Marshall, MO 65340	~ no bid ~												
Poor Boy Tree Svc Fair Play, MO Avail.: 10/25/2023	\$56.48	\$84.72	\$56.48	\$84.72	\$51.44	\$77.16	\$45.12	\$67.68	\$56.48	\$84.72	\$45.12	\$67.68	
Wright Tree Svc West Des Moines, IA Avail.: within 30 days of award	12/31/23 -	\$74.49	\$108.78	\$72.70	\$98.13	\$68.34	\$91.67	\$63.40	\$84.36	\$101.70	\$127.13	\$92.40	\$113.36
	12/29/24 -	\$77.71	\$113.79	\$75.88	\$102.58	\$71.30	\$95.79	\$66.11	\$88.11	\$104.88	\$131.58	\$95.12	\$117.11
	1/4/26 -	\$81.07	\$119.05	\$79.19	\$107.22	\$74.38	\$100.09	\$68.95	\$92.05	\$108.19	\$136.23	\$97.95	\$121.06
The Davey Tree Expert Co Kent, OH 44240 Avail.: 45 days from award	\$57.51	\$75.06	\$51.63	\$67.39	\$47.15	\$61.11	\$44.16	\$56.93	\$74.33	\$90.09	\$66.86	\$79.62	

Mr. Bryant made a motion to accept the bid from Poor Boy Tree Service for tree trimming and brush spraying through September 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Root reported there were no bids received for replacing bucket truck #305 on October 17th; it has been rebid and the new opening date is November 7th. Truck #329 has been received. The parts to repair the west substation circuit switcher have been shipped and delivery is dependent on the carrier. He also reported the flatbed for truck #302 has been installed and the unit is complete.

Underground Facilities Director Grant Piper presented bids for cleaning and inspecting reservoir #1. Five bids were received and opened on October 25th.

#02-24-UF Reservoir #1 October 25, 2023	Bid	Start Date from Award Date
Underwater Services LLC Broken Arrow, OK 74011	\$26,210.96	Within 3 weeks
Northern Divers USA Spring Grove, IL 60081	\$92,950.00	ASAP
Proceanic LTD Houston, TX 77066	\$117,930.00	90 days from PO
Midco Diving & Marine Services Inc Rapid City, SD 57709	\$21,175.23	TBD
SE Diving Services, LLC Greenville, SC 29611	\$31,500.00	3 months

Mr. Hines made a motion to accept the bid from Midco Diving & Marine Services in the amount of \$21,175.23. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Piper then requested approval to purchase a new vacuum excavator. The current unit, which is shared between all departments, is a 2008 model with 1,200 hours and is starting to have mechanical issues and the tank and filter housing is showing structural issues. Mr. Bryant made a motion to request bids for purchasing a new vacuum excavator. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

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Director Piper reported on the North Street Pump Station renovations; it is being drained to replace the two main valves and will be out of service until the first of the year.

Electric Production Director Jarad Muller requested approval to purchase a new welder for the shop. The current one was used when purchased over 25 years ago; it is having issues working and replacement parts are hard to find. He would like to replace it with a new multiprocessor welder that can do several types of welding. Mr. Hines made a motion to purchase a new shop welder using quotes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved by a vote of 3-0.

Director Muller then updated the Board on unit #6: Ethos and the crane arrived on November 1st: Ethos plans to work 12-hour shifts and hopes to have it apart and ready to ship in 10 days. All but two of the electric motors are back and the pumps are in the process of being cleaned and having the seals replaced.

IT & Broadband Director Jim Widel reported his crews have been working on several projects and new construction in town that kept them from working on the grant projects. However, they were able to blow fiber yesterday and will continue today.

General Manager Jeff Bergstrom presented two resolutions for the State Infrastructure Program funding. This funding was awarded to MMU as a result of House Bill 6 and is being administered by DNR, but the Board is required to pass a resolution approving the filing of a request to DNR for the award and designating a representative for each funding request. Mr. Bryant made a motion to approve resolutions for the State Infrastructure Program as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hines and approved by a vote of 3-0.

General Manager Bergstrom spoke about the MPUA and MoPEP coal plant participant meetings held on October 31st and November 1st. He has also been spending time responding to inquiries about the architectural services RFQ.

Mr. Hines made a motion to approve and issue warrants from the following funds for cash disbursements to accounts payable.

WATER OPERATING FUND	\$ 256,183.19
ELECTRIC OPERATING FUND	\$ 363,359.22
SEWER REVENUE FUND	\$ 76,002.06
INTERNET OPERATING FUND	\$ 70,524.67
NATURAL GAS OPERATING FUND	\$ 48.24
Total	\$ 766,117.38

The motion was seconded by Mr. Bryant and approved with a vote of 3-0.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, November 16th, 2023.

Following a motion by Mr. Bryant, seconded by Mr. Hines, the Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:20 a.m. by a vote of 3-0.

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/s/ Chuck Hines, Secretary