

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, March 21, 2012
The Utility Board met at City Utilities @ 5:00 P.M.

Phillip Starkey called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Phillip Starkey
Brian Bess
Michael Singleton
Greg Coffin

Board Members Absent:

Tim Sheehan

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	City Attorney
Michael Pavey	Mayor
Jeff Peters	Wessler & Associates

Brian Bess motioned to approve the board minutes from the February 15, 2012 meeting. Michael Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of February. The Water Operating report showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 31.55 million gallons of water pumped, with 28.02 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 3 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 12 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 18 line locates. There were 2 water line inspections. There were 51 connects and 44 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 2,999.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 47.18 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 1.28 inches of precipitation, for the month.

There were 4 sewer complaints checked. There were 1,000 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 6,300 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of February. There were no dye tests ran.

Les told the board that the accounted loss of 33% was still due to the master meter not reading correctly. Les may have to look into purchasing a new meter.

Jeff Peters from Wessler & Associates was present at the meeting to talk to the board about money that is still owed to INDOT from the State Road 44 project. Jeff and Les Day had met with Michelle, a representative of INDOT, to discuss \$33,580.10 that is still owed to them. Jeff stated that INDOT will invoice City Utilities for this amount. Jeff also told the board that the State Road 52 Project is still scheduled for the spring of 2014.

Mayor Pavey told the board that one of the City's Ordinances was changed and approved by the City Council at the March 21, 2012 meeting. The Ordinance will now allow businesses outside of the city limits to connect to the city's water mains and their water be supplied by the City of Rushville. He told the board that Pioneer Hi-Bred International Inc. is showing interest in being hooked into the city's water, and that the revised Ordinance would allow this to happen.

Gina Jenkins told the board that the On-Line pay option for the customers is going very well. She then asked the Board to have permission to close the Drive-thru office permanently as of May 11, 2012. This would allow the employees two months to let the customers know that it is closing. Michael Singleton motioned to approve the Drive-thru office being permanently closed as of May 11, 2012. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day told everyone that he and Jemmy Miller, Street Commissioner, would be going out to the Well Field on Thursday, March 22, 2012 to look at where the platform for the new Generator will be. Jemmy has offered to have the Street Department put the platform in for City Utilities. Phillip Starkey told everyone that he is so pleased to know that all of the city departments work so well together and help each other out.

Brian Bess brought up a customer concern that he was made aware of. He was told that a City Utilities' customer had put her payment in the drop box at the Police Department and that it was not picked up from there for 9 days. Les told everyone that he was aware of the issue and had addressed it with his personnel.

Les told the Board that the new Scada System at the Wastewater plant should be completed by the first week of April.

He also stated that the new generator at the Well Field will run on LP gas and that installation should be completed by early April.

There was a discussion of customer, Tony Gahimer, who reconnected back into his well and stopped using city water. Les told the Board that he had an average of what Mr. Gahimer's usage should have been for the time period that he was not using city water. The amount of charges is \$771.20. Geoffrey Wesling, Utilities Attorney, will send Mr. Gahimer a letter states that he needs to contact Gina Jenkins at the Utilities Office to discuss his payment. The board agreed that if Mr. Gahimer could not pay the full amount right away, they agreed that he could make payments not to exceed 12 months.

Les announced that the Wastewater plant has a new employee, Charles McMann. Charles' starting wage per hour is \$11.00. Les said that after his 90 day probation period, Charles' wage would go to

\$12.00 per hour. Les said that Charles is very excited to have the opportunity to work at City Utilities. Greg Coffin said that Ivy Tech would be a good school for Charles to get his certification.

Les then told the board that Eric Schlechtweg is going to be testing for his WT3 certification this spring.

Michael Singleton told the board that he had checked the claims for the month. Michael Singleton motioned to approve the claims. Greg Coffin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les told the Board that he would like to purchase 432 new discs for the Aerator Bays at a cost of \$7,500.00. The current discs are becoming too worn.

Michael Singleton told everyone that the high school will not be able to redo the landscaping at the City Utilities' business office as discussed last fall, so he is asking for volunteers to help put the new landscaping in this spring.

Mayor Pavey told the board that he and Les had met with representatives from Donuhue. This company can check the capacities of the Water and Wastewater plants.

Les said that he had been concerned that the pipe that has been laying in the Industrial Park for approximately two years was not going to be usable. After looking at the pipe, a representative from the company that the pipe was purchased from told Les that the pipe would still be usable. Jeff Peters from Wessler & Associates said that he would stop and look at the pipe to be sure that it is still okay to use.

Greg Coffin told the other board members that he had taken a tour of the Wastewater plant with Les and that he noticed that the Screener and Grit Removal System are in need of being replaced. Greg would like for Les to get quotes. Replacing the equipment would be part of the Long Term Control Plan for the plant.

Michael Singleton motioned to adjourn. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be April 18, 2012 at 5:00 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.