

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

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, November 19, 2013
The Utility Board met at the Council Chambers at 4:30 p.m.

Greg Coffin called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken.

Board Members Present:

Greg Coffin
Michael Singleton
Tim Sheehan
Brian Bess
Phil Starkey

Others present:

Les Day Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins Office Manager
Steve Gress Donohue & Associates

Greg Coffin called the first order of business to open the bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Steve Gress with Donohue & Associates opened 4 bids that had been presented.

The first bid was from PAE & Associates Inc. in the amount of \$3,772,000.00. The second bid was from Building Crafts Inc. in the amount of \$3,822,000.00. The third bid was from Thieneman Construction Inc. in the amount of \$3,808,000.00, and the fourth bid was from Kokosign Construction Inc. in the amount of \$4,040,000.00.

Steve Gress and the Board members thanked the contractors for their bids.

Tim Sheehan motioned to approve the board minutes from the October 16th meeting. Butch Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of October. The Water Operating report did not show N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 26.34 million gallons of water pumped, with 25.11 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 17 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 5 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 12 line locates. There were 45 connects and 74 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 2,751.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 34.19 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 3.89 inches of precipitation, for the month.

There were 5 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,500 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 10,500 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of October. There was no dye tests ran.

Les Day went over the Operating report with the Board members. Les said that the unaccounted loss of 25% included flushing the hydrants and that the unaccounted loss should be even lower for November.

Gina Jenkins told the board members that there have been minimal complaints about the rate increase.

During the Board President's report, Greg Coffin told everyone that he had taken a tour of the Wastewater Plant and had not noticed any problems.

Les Day told the board members that he had received a complaint from the Rush County Health Department concerning an issue at 824 W 8th Street. Les said that the resident's drain from the washing machine was plugged up and that they were draining the water to outside. Les said that they were an elderly couple and that he told them that they had two weeks to remedy the problem.

Also, Les said that there was a complaint from Ed Small who owns rental property at 218 E 10th Street concerning the sewer backing up at the property. Les said that Mr. Small had the same problem a couple of years ago and that it was caused by tree roots. Les hired a company to come in and treat the roots to dissolve them. When the Utilities employees televised the sewer main this time, there were roots still in the main. Les is bringing a company back in to remove the roots.

Les told everyone that Jennifer Wilson with Crowe-Horwath had told him that there will be approximately \$10,000.00 for legal fees for the Rushville City Attorneys and \$29,000.00 for Crowe-Horwath's fees that City Utilities will need to pay for the 16th Street project.

During a discussion of the new business Les told everyone that he had the 2014 Budget completed and that there is a 1% raise for the City Utilities employees included. This will be the same raise that the City of Rushville employees will receive in 2014. The budget was tabled to be discussed at a Special Board meeting Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Utilities office. The Special Board meeting will also include the Wastewater Treatment Plant Bid Award and Resolution.

Brian Bess checked the claims for the month. Brian motioned to approve the claims. Phil Starkey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be December 18, 2013 at 5 p.m. at the Utilities office.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.