

OSKALOOSA WATER BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
5/12/14

Members Present:

Joe Ryan
Errin Keltner
Pete Settimi

Others Present:

Chad Coon
Sheryl Tomlinson
Crystal Breuklander
Cindy Scholtus
Alberta DenHartog
Deb Philpot
Ken Allsup
Jason Madison
Eduardo Zamarripa

A motion was made by Pete Settimi and 2nd by Joe Ryan to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.

Minutes of the 4/16/14 regular meeting were read. A motion was made by Pete Settimi to approve the minutes. The motion was 2nd by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.

The attached vouchers totaling \$270,935.90 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Pete Settimi to approve the vouchers for payment. The motion was 2nd by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining. The Balance Statements were also reviewed. Motion by Pete Settimi and second by Joe Ryan to approve balance statements. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.

1. The first agenda item was Customer Forum. There were two items presented. Alberta Den Hartog had a bill for 2112 210th Street in the amount of \$2676.71 for a leak outside of city limits. She asked the Board if they would consider cutting the rate for this water back to the City rate as had been done in the past for leaks outside of city limits. The Board advised staff to cut the rate back to city rates and adjust the bill accordingly. The next item was a request from the owner of Lamson Mobile Home Court. He also had had a leak on the line and was requesting some assistance from the Board of Trustees. Pete stated that the Board precedent was that in-town customers have historically not gotten bill adjustments. The other Board members

concurring and staff was directed to set up payment arrangements with the customer.

2. The next agenda item was Discussion and Consideration of Possible Contract for Mowing Water Treatment Plant Grounds. Chad presented the contract that had been written for the mowing. It was a three year contract at the same price as had been paid to the previous contractor. He also presented the option of going with the contractor that the City currently uses. However, he also advised that the City's contractor was unsure of his ability to mow the entire grounds due to the slope of some of the hills. The third option that Chad presented was to continue to pay OMD's original contractor and let them subcontract the mowing out when they were unable to complete the work. Joe asked what could be done to put the steeply sloped ground into another type of landscape material so that it would no longer need to be mowed. There was a lengthy discussion that ensued regarding the pros and cons of this approach. Then Chad was advised to contact the DNR and see if they could offer help with some sort of direction, as well as involving two local contractors in the same discussion. Motion to table the contract was made by Joe Ryan and seconded by Pete Settimi. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.
3. Next on the agenda was Discussion and Consideration of Awarding of Bids to Sell Modular Home Located Behind Office. Chad presented the lone bid that was received from Century Homes in the amount of \$16,225. Chad advised that this was well below the minimum price set by resolution in November of 2012. He further advised that he had contacted two local contractors to assess the damage the home received during the recent storm event. He requested that the Board wait to award the bid until after more information was available. Motion to reject all bids and consider rebidding after insurance repairs was made by Pete Settimi, seconded by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.
4. Agenda Item #7 was Discussion and Consideration of Bill Adjustment for 2008 South 11th Street. Pete stated that Board precedent was to deny any adjustment on water bills inside city limits. Motion to deny bill adjustment and allow a payment plan was made by Pete Settimi and seconded by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.
5. The next agenda item was Discussion and Consideration of Bill Adjustment for 302 North C Street. Pete stated that Board precedent was to deny any adjustment on water bills inside city limits. Motion to deny bill adjustment and allow a payment plan was made by Pete Settimi and seconded by Joe Ryan. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.

6. Agenda item #9 was Discussion and Consideration of City of Beacon's Water Rate (Mahaska Rural Water). This was an item that was originally discussed last month during the General Manager's Update. Chad discussed the fact that OMD has no maintenance and upkeep costs once the water goes through the meter, that the responsibility for that is all borne by Mahaska Rural Water, and therefore he felt that the request as presented by Mahaska Rural Water was a fair and equitable request. Chad discussed the revenue side of the issue as well. Motion by Pete Settimi and seconded by Joe Ryan to continue to sell Mahaska Rural Water water for the City of Beacon at the 2013 Beacon water rate. The motion carried with Settimi and Ryan voting yes, and Keltner abstaining.
7. General Manager's Update was next on the agenda. Joe had several items that were brought in to this topic for discussion. The first item that he talked about was OMD's website and how he would like an opinion from an IT professional in regards to looking at putting OMD's website on the City's website and the risks and rewards associated with such a move. He suggested that Chad talk to the company who does the City's page about this and the security side of this issue. Joe also asked about the on-line bill payment option and the cost for service. Chad stated that he would find more information and present it to the Board again. Joe then talked about the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and funding options. He talked about grants and alternative funding sources and stated that he would like to see the city manager attend the next Board meeting to discuss these different options with the whole Board as Joe himself had recently sat down with the city manager to discuss this topic. The different sources that were mentioned were CDBG and FEMA as starters. It was also mentioned to look at tying this to OMD's reserve funding issue. Chad updated the Board on the private line out by H&S Feeds. He talked about the driveway work being done by Advanced Concrete Specialists for the office and shop. He updated the Board on the status of the question last month about sharing property and casualty insurance with the City for any possible savings. He updated the Board on the status of the rate study that was being done by Iowa Rural Water. Chad asked Joe if he had had a chance yet to look at other Water Utility Audits for comparisons to OMD's. He also updated the Board on the agreement with HomeServe for a service line warranty program, the IDOT's Highway 63 status and the IDNR Air Quality Bureau's facility issue.
8. Miscellaneous was the next agenda item. Chad updated the Board on the number of leaks in the last month, 2, and the pump issue at the carwash from a January leak, the insurance company is going to deny the claim.
9. Motion by Pete Settimi to go into closed session. Joe Ryan seconded the motion. Ayes all, motion passed. Closed session entered into at 6:12 PM. Motion by Pete

Settimi and seconded by Joe Ryan to exit closed session. Ayes all, motion passed.
Entered back into open session at 6:42 PM.

10. There was no action taken by the Board as a result of the closed session.

There being no further items to discuss, it was moved by Pete Settimi and second by Joe Ryan to adjourn.

ATTEST

Meeting Adjourned 6:43 PM

Pete Settimi – Chairman

Errin Keltner – Secretary