

**WATER BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Regular Meeting**

**October 13, 2014**

**5:00 PM**

**Location: 1208 South 7<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Agenda**

1. Approve Agenda.
2. Approve Minutes of the September 15, 2014 Regular Meeting.
3. Approve Invoices and Balance Statements.
4. Customer Forum.
5. Approve Resolution #1403, A Resolution Naming Depositories.
6. Discussion and Consideration of Awarding of Bids to Sell Modular Home Located Behind Office.
7. Discussion and Consideration of Annual Dental Insurance Renewal.
8. General Manager's Update.
9. Miscellaneous.
10. Adjourn.

## **INFORMATION CONCERNING AGENDA ITEMS:**

### **Agenda Item #4**

“This is the item reserved to receive comments from the community, our customers, for concerns whether or not they are included in the current agenda. The community is encouraged to come and speak before the Water Board of Trustees and asked to keep statements brief. Any questions are to be asked of the Water Department staff and Board of Trustee members prior to speaking to the full Board of Trustees so concerns may be properly researched and answered away from the meeting. Comments are to be directed to the Board of Trustees only.”

At this time there are no issue to present.

### **Agenda Item #5**

Since Valley Bank is no longer known by that name it is time to update our list of approved depositories. The list is the same as last year’s with the exception of Valley Bank which is now known as Great Southern Bank with its offices located in Reeds Spring Missouri. I will need a motion to introduce and approve, a second, and the vote.

### **Agenda Item #6**

It this time I have not yet received any bids, however, I have talked to three or four people who were interested this time. Hopefully we have that reflected in the bid amounts as well. The bids are due in my office by 2 PM on Monday and I will tabulate them and present them to you at the meeting Monday night. We can discuss this more at that time if you want or you can motion to accept the highest bid, presuming there are no attachments associated with that bid, at the meeting and approve the sale.

### **Agenda Item #7**

In years past we have not had action on this specific item. However this year the rate has changed and I wanted to bring it to you for discussion and action.

In the move to save money and not rehire a permanent customer service rep at this time it turns out that will actually cost us more money with our dental insurance. Since we have fallen below 10 full time employees we are no longer able to have a 4 tiered dental policy. That means that all policies must either be a single policy or a family policy. The employee/spouse and employee/child policies are not available to us. This, along with a small rate increase, means that costs will increase approximately \$200 per month. There is the option to going to an ACA plan, however, by the time everyone is figured in on that plan it is even higher than our current plan. Jim Anderson will be here to answer any questions you may have about our policy and the one available to us that is ACA compliant. The cost to renew our current policy will be \$1097.98/month. The cost to move to an ACA plan would be \$1182.50.

At this time, it is my recommendation that we renew our current policy with Delta Dental.

### **Agenda Item #8**

As I write this I have just gotten done attending different classes for the last two days in Altoona. Last week at the Iowa Rural Water Fall Conference I took  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a page of notes in two days. This week I took 4 pages of notes in the same time period. It seemed that this particular set of classes had more relevant information. As a result I have a small list of items that I need to follow up on as time allows.

The guys will start the fall hydrant flushing on Monday. I have an ad in the Herald and Shopper. I have asked the radio station, CRI, and OskyNews to help us get the word out with a Public Service Announcement informing residents of the upcoming hydrant flushing and also asked the City to put it on their website. Hopefully all of the bases are covered. I will also make sure that we put out something on our Facebook page daily with updates of regarding which areas of town will be affected.

I will attach spreadsheet showing a breakdown of the various size meters and what could be expected for income based on what you may want to charge for a meter fee. Take this spreadsheet and play with the value in F2 and see how the income will change. We can talk more about this on Monday night.

I have sent out the survey to the local media, I actually sent it out a couple of weeks ago and didn't hear anything and had to go and re-send it, something wasn't working right. Anyway, responses are starting to trickle in on the online payment option. When I know more, you'll know more.

I emailed you all earlier this week regarding logging in the well field. I have not yet had an opportunity to contact other mills to receive a competitive price, but I will work on that soon. It seems like there should be something else, and right now I cannot think of it, maybe Monday!

### **Agenda Item #9**

We had two leaks this last month;

Hope and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East, I'm not sure what the issue was.

3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue East and South 11<sup>th</sup>-contractor snagged a service line and pulled it out of the corporation.

The guys were also able to get equipment down into the backwash basin and knock down a bunch of willow trees that had started to develop quite a stand. It looks better than it has in years.

The guys were also able to do some preventative maintenance out at the plant.