

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE
UTILITY DEPARTMENT
BOARD MEETING
July 9, 2024

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for July 9, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Shane Taylor, Chairperson. Member's present: Glen Thomas, Shane Taylor, Barry Posluszny, Greg Guinn, and Ronnie Cunningham

Public Comment: Mr. Randall Moorehead spoke regarding his water being slimy if he doesn't use the water for 3-4 days. He said they had a dog sick with health issues, and they had their water tested on the advice from a veterinarian. He passed the water test results from the laboratory to the board members for review. Ronnie Cunningham said he had the water tested and all the tests came back within the state of TN guidelines. Greg Guinn asked if he had a water filter system in the house. Mr. Moorehead answered he didn't have one hooked to the water lines. Ronnie Cunningham says this water is purchased from Tullahoma Utility Authority and a copy of this report has been sent to them for review. Joey Smith spoke up and defended the testing facility and frequency of the testing conducted by the water plant operators in Moore County's system. Shane Taylor said it would be interesting to see the results of reports in the coming days.

A motion to approve the May 14 and June 11, 2024, minutes was made by Glen Thomas and seconded by Barry Posluszny. Motion passed unanimously.

Rate Study Presentation: No information yet.

Engineer's Report:

Bryant Griffin addressed the board regarding the water line upgrades in the city limits. He said the plans have been submitted to TDEC and are waiting on formal approval and comments. He is hoping to have a report from TDEC in the next 30 days. He recommends scheduling a bid opening on August 9, 2024, since it is right before the August utility board meeting. This is contingent upon TDEC's approval of the project. He said after the bid opening a pre-construction meeting could then be scheduled for August 16th and work commencing by September 1, 2024, with the contractor finishing up the beginning in November. Shane Taylor made the motion to make the bid opening date August 9, 2024, Greg Guinn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Glen Thomas said he wanted to say something regarding the engineering report. He said he received information about the "free" money Metro Utility was responsible for matching in the amount of \$1.3 million dollars. This is the grant money ARPA money for Phase II of the Sewer Rehab. He said he had no idea where LJA Engineering was on this project, but he wanted to understand it. He said that Lorrie Fisher with South Central would be coming down to speak with Sloan Stewart about Metro's responsibilities in matching money for this grant.

Ronnie Cunningham told the board that the slab has been poured at the Cates Booster Station.

Manager's Report:

Ronnie Cunningham presented the board with the write-offs and asked they be approved to be written off the Accounts Receivable. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Barry Posluszny and seconded by Shane Taylor to approve the write-offs. Roll Call vote: Barry Posluszny- Yes, Greg Guinn – Yes, Glen Thomas -Yes, Shane Taylor -Yes. Motion passed 4-0.

Ronnie Cunningham presented the board with a quote to tie on the 12" water main from Dickey Tank into the existing line at the road and bypass the tiny homes development. This will have Metro Utility and Jack Daniels' Contract fulfilled completely. After a discussion about how to pay for this project completion a motion was made by Greg Guinn to accept the quote and pay for it with money out of savings. His motion was seconded by Glen Thomas to accept the motion. Motion carried with a roll call vote 4-0.

Ronnie Cunningham presented the county list of Commercial taxpayers and asked for clarification about who would have their water and sewer rates changed to match their county tax designation. Commercial taxpayers will be designated as Commercial water/sewer customers. Industrial taxpayers will be designated as Industrial water/sewer customers. Shane Taylor reiterated that sixty days' notice needed to be given to the customers that their rates will be changed. Glen Thomas says to keep it simple and change those customers' rates to reflect their tax records. Shane Taylor said he wanted a report at the next business meeting.

Greg Guinn asked about the meter change outs. Ronnie answered that he had some ordered. He said he had 50 meters on order. Glen Thomas makes a motion to spend \$400,000 to buy all the meters at one time and get them replaced. He also wants to have the zone meters tied on to the water plant so someone can see them. Ronnie Cunningham explained that the zone meters are already tied into the water plant and the water plant operators look at them everyday at the water plant. He said everyone has access to see the zone meter information on their cell phones as soon as they alarm, they go look at them and begin looking for leaks. Greg Guinn said he called and spoke with Brooke Fanning and understands that the current meters we have in the system alert the office staff of any high usage on the existing meters. Shane Taylor said this item regarding water meter replacement had already been voted on in the capital improvement plan at \$90,000 annually. Shane Taylor said he didn't understand why it was being discussed again. Ronnie explained again how he was planning to replace the meters in a more systematic process that was manageable for Metro staff. Within 4 years all the water meters will be replaced. Greg Guinn asked if it would be worth the money to change the large 6" water meters? Ronnie agreed it will help replace all the large meters. Greg asked if this applies to the large meters that we have in place like from Tullahoma and Winchester's water? Ronnie replied, "no, those utility's purchase and place their own meters." Barry Posluszny asked what the point of this discussion was exactly. He asked Ronnie what he preferred to get

these meters replaced. Ronnie said he preferred to replace them a little at a time. Barry supports Ronnie decision to replace them a few at a time. Shane Taylor said he was looking for a second to Glen Thomas' motion. Mr. Glen withdrew his motion after receiving no second.

Motion to adjourn made by Greg Guinn seconded by Shane Taylor. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Shane Taylor, Chairperson