

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Eldridge Electric and Water Utility Board was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on April 23, 2024, at Eldridge City Hall.

Board members present were Craig Gehrls, Jeff Hamilton, and Rachael Padavich. Also, present: Jacob Rowe, Jody Coffman, Brock Kroeger, Frank King, Nevada Lemke, Ryan Iossi, Mark Ridolfi, Marty O'Boyle, Olivia Donahue, Sarah Watson, and Sadie Wagner.

Public Comment – Brock Kroeger asked the board to table sections E & F of the Water Department until a further date.

Motion by Padavich to approve Agenda. Second by Hamilton. All ayes.

Motion by Hamilton to approve Utility Board Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2024. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Motion by Hamilton to approve Special Utility Board Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2024. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Financial –

Motion by Hamilton to approve bills payable for \$241,918.42. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Motion by Hamilton to approve Resolution 2024-07 E&W Authorizing Budgeted FY24 Interfund Transfers. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Motion by Hamilton to approve financial assistance for tax withholding liability for J. Powell as a result of an employer clerical error. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Electric Department Update\_ Collin Wilson was unable to attend the meeting so he forwarded the department update to Lemke to share with the board. There were no recent outages. The electric crew has been installing the new electric services for the new homes in the Townsend Farms addition and Grunwald's 2<sup>nd</sup> additions.

Water Department-

Water Test Results – Lemke shared there were 8 samples pulled from sites all over the city and the QC Analytical report shows all water tests passed.

Motion by Hamilton to approve QC Construction Services REVISED bid to include an additional \$3,257.20 to install a plastic laminate desktop station. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Motion by Hamilton to approve a proposal from Cahoy Pump Service in the amount of \$39,462 for Phase II of the inspection and Repairs of Well #3. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Motion by Hamilton to approve a proposal from Cahoy Pump Service in the amount of \$12,037 for the pull inspection and repairs/reinstallation of HS #4 Pump Gear. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Motion by Hamilton to table action to rescind authorization for legal counsel at Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler, & Hagen, P.C. to obtain quotes or engage any third party investigation of City allegations, including rescinding of any authorization for JL Consulting to conduct any investigation until next meeting so they can conduct further discussion. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Motion by Padavich to rescind authorization for legal counsel at Dickinson, Bradshaw, Fowler, & Hagen, P.C. to review and revise the Employee Handbook. Second by Hamilton. All ayes.

Verizon Discussion Lease Update – Lemke shared a proposal given by a Verizon representative to herself and Jeff Martens for a new Verizon lease which included breaking the current lease with a remainder of three years to start a new lease at \$1,100 a month with a 10% escalator every five years, opposed to the current \$1,700 a month with a 15% escalator bringing it to around \$2,000 in 2026 with the current lease. The new lease would begin November 1, 2024. Lemke requested they bring forward other proposals that they can bring to the board to have a discussion and possible action on. Verizon will have a proposal by next week and it will be brought to the next Utility Board Meeting.

Department Update – Stymiest was unable to attend the meeting and forwarded his update to Lemke to share. The water department crew has been working on their spring hydrant flushing and have adjusted the water tower settings to the new season settings. They also have been working on this year's hydrant painting plan. The water crew has been unsuccessful in finding funding for the 16<sup>th</sup> Ave water tower reconditioning project contracted with ISG due to it largely being considered a maintenance project. ISG's suggestion is to evaluate our local funding and determine how we can proceed with the project.

Administrative Department Update- Lemke shared that there is a vacancy in the electric department which is to be filled by a current water department employee. This can take place once a current electric department employee completes his journeymen testing, and then there will be an opening in the water department to fill.

Discussion & Review of Utility Board Fiscal Responsibilities – all board members reviewed and had no questions.

Motion by Hamilton to adjourn meeting at 5:18 pm. Second by Padavich. All ayes.

Sadie Wagner  
Billing Clerk