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Sperry Utility Services Authority
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MEMBERS PRESENT: DEBRA BURCH, BILL BUTLER, KELLY WENSMAN, ZORA BECK, GARY EATON, ROBERT MORTON

OTHERS PRESENT: JEFF STEPHENS, RICK RUMSEY, TROY WILSTEAD, PHIL JOHNSON, LINDA MORTON, PHIL BRIGGS, RONALD CREWE, BILLY HENRY, MICHAEL AMMERMAN, MICAH CARR, CONNIE BIAS, KANDA TUCKER

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SPERRY UTILITY SERVICES AUTHORITY NOVEMBER 12, 2020, 6:00 P.M., CITY HALL, 115 N. CINCINNATI

Bill Butler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Debra Burch here. Bill Butler here. Kelly Wensman here. Zora Beck here. Gary Eaton here. Robert Morton here. Dennis Moseby absent. Quorum present.

APPROVE MINUTES – Motion by Morton and second by Wensman to approve the October 8, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – Reviewed.

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS – Reviewed.

GAS AND WATER LOSS – Reviewed.

APPROVE CLAIMS – Motion by Morton and second by Eaton to approve the claims presented for payment. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

LEASE PAYMENT TO THE TOWN – The lease payment to the Town for the months of July and August were not paid. Motion by Burch and second by Morton to approve the lease payment to the Town of Sperry, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for the month of July. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – Reviewed.

UPDATE ON PROJECTS – Atoka Project: This will be covered in agenda item #11.
Cincinnati Project: The environmental study is complete and should be approved in December.
Solicitation of bids will be in January, 2021. DEQ has approved the sewer line repair project.

ATOKA WATER LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – The sealed bids for the Atoka Water Line Replacement Project were opened November 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The bid consisted of ten responsive bidders. The apparent low bidder at bid opening is Bates Instrumentation LLC, with a base bid amount of \$67,861.21. Motion by Burch and second by Beck that the bid for the Atoka Water Line Replacement Project be awarded to Bates Instrumentation LLC, the lowest, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$67,861.21, subject to the execution of a contract and furnishing of all required bonds and insurance. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

HIGH WATER USAGE AT 210 N. FRANKFORT – Mr. Wilstead feels that the high water usage problem started in January 2020 when a new water meter was installed. He feels that at that time, his line was cracked at the connection and has been slowly leaking since. He would like an adjustment on his bill back to that time. The leak was repaired and a new meter was installed in October 2020. Motion by Morton and second by Burch to wait until the end of February 2021 to determine the average usage on the new water meter which was installed October 2020. Mr. Wilstead will be on the March agenda and was instructed to continue paying the monthly bill until a decision is made. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

WATER LEAK AND CHARGE FOR REPAIR AT CHUCKWAGON DINER – Not present. No action.

BID FOR FORD RANGER – Motion by Burch and second by Wensman to accept a bid in the amount of \$265.00 from Steve Herzog for the purchase of the 2004 Ford Ranger which was declared as surplus equipment on June 13, 2019. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF 2021 REGULAR MEETING DATES – Motion by Burch and second by Morton to accept the schedule for the 2021 regular meetings, to be held on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of November, which will be held on the second Tuesday, due to Veteran's Day. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Burch and second by Wensman to go into executive session at 6:50 p.m. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Burch and second by Wensman to come out of executive session at 7:08 p.m. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES – Chairman Butler stated that in executive session, the board of trustees discussed possible approval of a one-time pay increase/stipend for Ronald Crewe, Michael Ammerman, Billy Henry, Renee' Shatto and Kanda Tucker and the resignation of Micah Carr, effective November 12, 2020. No votes were taken in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION – Mayor Burch read the following statement before a motion was made:

“Let me just say that this has been the most unique year. Starting March 19, 2020, when we had to issue our first Resolution literally shutting down the Town, to news this week of rising numbers in test results and hospitalizations.

Through all of this you have seen this group of employees come to work each day, knowing that it could jeopardize their health and that of their families.

Shutting access to our building did not mean we quit working. Kanda and Renee' came in, processed utility payments, took information to give to Ron. Our SUSA crew, Ron, Micah, Michael and Bill monitored our needs as a Town to make sure that each home had water, sewer and gas.

The Fire and Police Department continued their commitment to keeping our town safe by risking themselves every time they went on a run, not knowing whether they were running into an active COVID situation.

As a Town board, we have been neglect in reminding you of how valuable each and every one of you are to our Town and tonight we wish to formally recognize you, and on record officially thank you for your dedication and service to our community. Thank you!”

Motion by Burch and second by Beck to approve a one-time pay increase/stipend of \$500.00 for Ronald Crewe, Michael Ammerman, Billy Henry, Renee' Shatto and Kanda Tucker. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

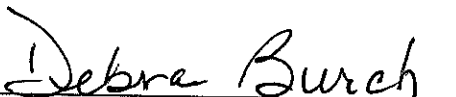
Motion by Burch and second by Wensman to recognize and accept the resignation of Micah Carr, effective November 12, 2020. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

WATER LINE EXTENSION ON CINCINNATI – Motion by Burch and second by Beck to rent the necessary equipment and do the water line extension on Cincinnati and the water line replacement on 91st St. North with our own department. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Beck and second by Morton to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. Yes: Burch, Butler, Wensman, Beck, Eaton, Morton. No: None. Motion carried.

Minutes approved:


Chairman


Secretary