

**UTILITY  
ADOPTED MINUTES  
JUNE 3, 2019  
CITY HALL  
4:00 P.M.**

Present: Doug Anderson, Chad Janssen, Darrell Nissen and Brian Rossow

Absent: Ern Malchow

Others Present: Holly Rademacher, Cheryl Ulferts, Kelly Rasche, Rusty Kaderabek and Joni Hanson

Call the meeting to order by Darrell Nissen at 4:00 pm

**Motion by Rossow, second by Anderson to approve the agenda, as presented. All Yes, Motion Carried**

**Motion by Anderson, second by Janssen to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019 as printed. All Yes, Motion Carried**

**Motion by Rossow, second by Janssen to approve the accounts payable totaling \$210,939.13, and approve the Investment and Transfer Activity Report. All Yes, Motion Carried**

Holly will have the AR Report at the June 17, 2019 Utility Board Meeting.

The Auditor's were scheduled to be here for today's meeting, but were absent due to some technical issues. The Auditor's will present the 2018 Utility Audit on June 17, 2019. We will recess today's meeting until June 17, 2019.

Chase Mortenson, Utility Lineman, has given his letter of resignation. Chase has accepted a lineman job for another City.

**Motion by Rossow, second by Anderson to accept Chase Mortenson's resignation. All Yes, Motion Carried.**

Kelly told the board that we seem to have an issue with keeping linemen employed. It seems that they are here for a few years, and then they end up taking another position somewhere else. Kelly went on to say that maybe the board should look at Out-sourcing Departments. The electric department could be out-sourced to Missouri River Energy Services (MRES), and the water plant and infrastructure could possibly be out-sourced to PeopleService. MRES will put together a draft agreement to look over. Chairman Nissen suggested scheduling a meeting as soon as possible with PeopleService

(Personnel Committee – Nissen and Rossow) to discuss this possibility, then discuss the findings with the whole board at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Nissen brought up the subject of getting a price for putting steel on the Power Plant, Nissen stated that he didn't think steel would be a good option. Kelly said that another contractor had looked at the building, and noted that repairs to the brick would be needed before it could be tuck pointed.

It was brought up about on-call pay for Rusty and David. Now that there are only 2 linemen again, they must take call every other week. Right now, that pay is \$128.00. It was suggested to increase the pay to \$200.00 when there are only 2 linemen here.

**Motion by Anderson, second by Rossow to increase the on-call pay to \$200.00 when there are only 2 linemen here, effective the week of May 25, 2019. All Yes, Motion Carried.**

Rusty brought up the 2005 Ford truck (water truck). Rusty stated that it was getting in pretty tough shape, and he would like to start looking at options for possibly a larger truck. The board decided to look at the option of Out-sourcing the departments before we look at getting a new truck.

Brian stated that the SMBS board wants to try to help grow the business. SMBS will pay the first \$500.00 of new cable drops to customers. They also talked about possibly trying to pay off the loans to the City early. This is in the discussion stage now.

**Motion by Janssen, second by Anderson to recess the meeting until June 17, 2019 at 4 pm, and adjourn the meeting at 4:47 pm. All Yes, Motion Carried.**

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**Darrell Nissen, Chairman**

**Attest:**

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**Joni Hanson**