10/31/24 9:00 A.M.

Meeting Location: Utility office at 1108 W. Front St. Board Room

In attendance:

Heber Springs Water Utility Commission

Commissioner Eddington

Commissioner Holland

Commissioner Fall

Utility Manager: Paul Graham

Office Manager: Nikki Early

Additional Attendees:

Benny Rorie, US Corps of Engineers

Joe Harper, US Corps of Engineers

**-Call to order by**: Commissioner Eddington Time: 9:03 a.m.

**-Motion to Approve Previous Month’s Minutes:** Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the reading of the previous month’s minutes, Commissioner Eddington 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**-Checks $2,000 and over:** Questions were asked about check #s 50375 and 50388.

**-Bond Spending Report:** Mrs. Early updated the Commission on the bond project spending stating that there is $3.6 million left in bond funds. There is $2.1 million in ARPA funds remaining. See report.

**-Corps of Engineers-Sewer Force Main:** Benny Rorie and Joe Harper with the US Corps of Engineers met with the Commission and discussed the possibility of the Utility taking responsibility of the sewer force main that services the COE along the bypass. The Commission asked Mr. Graham to obtain further information with no decision being made at this time.

**-Health Insurance Renewal-Plan Choice: Platinum Elite 1000:**  The Commission was presented with 3 health plan options and Commissioner Eddington made a motion to go with the Platinum Elite 1000 with BCBS, Commissioner Holland 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

**-Engineering Updates:** Mr. Graham updated the Commission on both the WWTP project and the WTP projects. Both are moving along nicely and on time. The DAF building is being enclosed at this time. Van Horn is working on the levee to prepare for bypass pumping so that the pump station in the lagoon can be rehabbed. The mechanically cleaned bar screen is being installed as well. A MOU is being drafted between the Utility and the City regarding dumping the dumpster used with the screen. The WTP micro skids are coming online the week of November 4th. The Airport North tank is painted and nearing completion.

**-Manager’s Report:**

**Office**: Samual Hanna called the police on the Utility on cutoff day for charging him a reconnect fee. The police told him to get a lawyer and sue us if he wanted to so bad. A new rate study is being proposed by Hawkins-Weir so that proper rates can be implemented if need be. All utility staff that use company computers and phones are undergoing cyber security training through NSG.

**Operations**: There are now 3 crews staffed at the Utility. The Utility donated 26 bales of old straw to the Humane Society to help keep the animals warm this winter. Work on concrete gravel and asphalt bays is beginning at the shop. The budget is $25,000 but it appears it will cost much less.

**WTP**: Fluoride is being dosed to the water once again. Water production is consistently 3-3.5 MGD.

**WWTP/Lift Stations**: Crews are installing fencing on the north side of the plant to keep people walking on the walking trail from coming onto the plant. Old fencing from the WTP will be used to protect the Skil lift station. A valve was installed in one lift station to prevent it from flooding more during large rain events.

**Other:** HR Manager Linda Fletcher had a table at Trades Around The Lake and the crew will be visiting the Community school of Cleburne County November 1st.

**Adjourn:** Motion by: Commissioner Eddington 2nd by: Commissioner Fall at 11:37 am to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

THE HEBER SPRINGS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Commissioner Burt Eddington \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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