5/30/24 9:00 A.M.

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

In attendance:

Heber Springs Water Utility Commission

Commissioner Holland

Commissioner Fall

Utility Manager: Paul Graham

Office Manager: Nikki Early

Additional Attendees:

Kasey Griffin, Mayor

**-Call to order by**: Commissioner Holland Time: 9:04 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 Fall 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**-Checks $2,000 and over:** Questions were asked about check #s 50003 and 49990.

**-Bond Spending Report:** Mrs. Early updated the Commission on the bond project spending stating that there is $3.5 million left in the grant funds currently. Van Horn has been paid approximately $2.5 million, and Hawkins-Weir $240,000. There is $2.8 million remaining for the Utility to pay from the bond funds. See report .

**-Engineering Updates:** There was a supervisor and inspector change at the WWTP due to conflicts. Van Horn will begin monthly meetings with HSWD, and HW next month so everyone is on the same page. Materials are arriving for the WTP membrane project. DOXA is on site and construction is starting soon. It will take approximately 6 months to complete the work and the project should be completed by November.

**-Manager’s Report:**

**Office**: Debra is attending a CUSI Conference as she has not been to one yet and it is good for the ladies to attend. We are still waiting on Tumbling Shoals contact.

**Operations**: The utility is beginning the final stages of the sewer rehab on W. Searcy St. Crews have been fixing a few leaks and a 3rd crew is being established. So far, only the supervisor is in place. The utility is looking wanting to purchase a new sewer camera for approximately $10,000-$15,000. Since it is coming from depreciation, Mr. Graham asked the Commission to approve the purchase in the form of a motion. Commissioner Fall made a motion to approve the purchase. Commissioner Holland 2nd. Motion passed unanimously. The materials for the pipe rack are being purchased. The cost of the rack is estimated to be around $30-35,000.

**WTP**: PFAS/PFOS testing indicated that the raw water contains no PFAS/PFOS but the treated water contains small amounts of PFBAs. This is not a concern, but it is being evaluated by our engineers just in case. Mr. Graham is also researching the correlation between fluoride and childhood development issues after a new study was released in late April, early May 2024.

**WWTP/Lift Stations**: Draft permit for the WWTP is in the public comment phase and is basically the same as our current one regarding nutrient removal. ADEQ performed a biannually inspection at the WWTP. Found two minor issues: accumulated grease in a lift station and a leaking plate at the 003 outfall. Both are being addressed. They are not violations, just notes.

**Other:** Wilburn has completed the 4” main installation and are moving forward to the 6” and ultimately the meter. HSWD approved a different meter box than what was in the specifications because it exceeds the meter vault specs that we enforce.

**Adjourn:** Motion by: Commissioner Holland 2nd by: Commissioner Fall at 10:07 am to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

THE HEBER SPRINGS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

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