

# **McCormick**

COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS Minutes ~ Regular Meeting 5:00 pm, Thursday, May 10, 2018

Chairman Charles Hegler called the meeting to order with Commissioner Leonard Bowick, Commissioner George Long, present along with Superintendent James Robinson, Finance Director Karen Goff, Charlotte Tallent - Chamber of Commerce, Charles Cook -McCormick Messenger and Katherine Stokes – McCormick Messenger.

On a Motion by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Bowick, the Commissioners approved the April 12, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 2018 Accounts Payable, and March 31, 2018 Financial Statement as submitted.

# **Public Hearing**

Public Hearing in regard to the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget.

There no public present the meeting continued.

# **Public and Employee Comments:**

Charles Cook and Katherine Stokes present from the McCormick Messenger had no comment.

Charlotte Tallent present from the Chamber of Commerce expressed her concern about several CPW customers complaining about high utility bills. General Manager Hedden recommended that the customers contact several assistances providers in the area. GM Hedden also stated that it is hard for customers to compare their utility bills because every home has a different number of people living there, age of the home, insulation of the home, heating and air systems, appliances that all factor into the price of their utility bills.

There being no other public or employees present the meeting continued.

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## **Karen Goff ~ Finance Director/Office Manager:**

Goff reported that the PSN Payment services is running smoothly and there have been several payments received.

Finance Director Goff's report attached as information. Overall, office operations are running smoothly.

#### <u>James Robinson ~ Superintendent:</u>

Supt. Robinson's report attached as information. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

## **Glenn Hill ~ Chief Waste Water Operator:**

Chief Operator Hill's report attached as information. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

#### **Edward Deason ~ Chief Water Treatment Operator:**

Chief Operator Deason's report attached as information. Overall, operations are running smoothly.

## Adam Hedden ~ General Manager:

Raw Water Intake – Haren Construction is scheduled to be back on site by June 11<sup>th</sup>.

General Manager Hedden discussed the options for refinancing or payoff off the 1996 Rural Water Loan.

<u>On a Motion</u> by Commissioner Long, second by Commissioner Bowick the Commissioners were in agreement to pay off the 1996 Rural Water Loan.

General Manger Hedden presented the Second Reading of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget, Capital Requests, Rate Recommendations and Salary Requests.

<u>On a Motion</u> by Commissioner Long, second by Commissioner Bowick, the Commissioners were in agreement to approve the First Reading of Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget, Capital Requests, Rate Recommendations and Salary Requests.

General Manager Hedden reported that he had attended the Town of McCormick's Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 and he had been approached in regard to the CPW's Policy for Utility Bill Cutoff. GM Hedden reported that he will check with other utility companies in regard to their cutoff policy. GM Hedden also stated that he hopes that when the CPW begins service with NTE that the CPW can adopt a Fuel Surcharge Level Out System that will help with the cost of utility bills.

General Manager Hedden requested to go into executive session in regard to a personnel issue.

<u>On a Motion</u> by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Bowick, the Commissioners were in agreement to go into executive session in regard to a personnel issue.

No action was taken in executive session and the meeting reconvened.

General Manager Hedden presented a policy in regard to retired employees returning to work after retirement.

<u>On a Motion</u> by Commissioner Long, seconded by Commissioner Long, the Commissioners were in agreement to adopt the Employee Retirement Policy stating that employees that are 62 years or older can return to work up to 3 years after their retirement.

# **Chairman~ Charles Hegler**

There being no additional business Chairman Hegler motioned that the meeting be adjourned. The Commissioners were in agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen H. Goff

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