

## UTILITY BOARD

**May 21, 2018**

**6:17 P.M.**

The City of Lawrenceburg Utility Board meeting was called to order by President Kelly Mollaun, Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson read roll call. Present were Board members Tony Abbott, Randy Abner, Mel Davis and Aaron Cook, City Attorney Del Weldon, Mayor Kelly Mollaun, Utility Director Olin Clawson, and Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson. Absent was Board Member Paul Seymour Jr.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

#### **Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.**

Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Director Olin Clawson offered an update on the fiber optics program. A new company was contracted to handle the directional drilling on hardwood. Meyer Plumbing will complete the work. Data center cabinets will be put in next week. Olin advised that he would be making calls and appointments to discuss fiber optic services. Residential services to homes are targeted to begin in September. He advised that rates will be discussed soon. A Work Session has been planned for Wednesday of this week from 12pm to 4pm for a full update.
2. The Whiskey City Rodeo is going well with vendors and additional participants being added often. Construction on the field will begin soon.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Director Olin Clawson took a moment to discuss some charitable work that is done by the American Public Power Association (APPA). This is an organization that the Utility Dept. is a part of. Normally, they provide assistance to areas that already have power. After a hurricane or natural disaster, utility departments from around the country are called out to assist. Olin advised that there are currently 15,000 homes in the Navajo Nation, located in Arizona, that have no utility provided to them in any way. He advised that APPA is looking to send out crews to this area to assist in providing utilities. He advised that this was an issue that was important to him and he thought the City should play a role in the process. It would be a 2 week commitment in the Spring of 2019 that would consist of 4 employees and 3 trucks. A motion was made to have the Utility Director supply the Board with some additional information and a total cost.

Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Tony Abbott advised that there is an issue with outages in street lights within the City. There are lights currently out on High St. Tony was advised that the electric company used to patrol in the morning hours to make sure all lights were working. Tony advised that if there are other priorities, then perhaps the Police Dept. could patrol for the lights. Olin advised that they have recently changed out 27 lights totaling about \$32,000. Tony advised that the issue is that some of these outages are not getting reported. The Mayor advised that, rather than have two departments, look into the issue, that he would get together a plan for this issue. Randy Abner asked about the lights on U.S. 50 being out. Director Clawson advised that he recently received a quote for this. The Mayor advised that there will be a plan at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS**

Motion: Mel Davis

Second: Tony Abbott

Motion carried

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.