

## **UTILITY BOARD**

**August 6, 2018**

**7:00 P.M.**

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

Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson was absent.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Mollaun read an agreement signed by himself as well as the Mayor of Greendale that read in part, that the two have agreed that a feasibility study to combine the two city's electric utilities would be conducted. Olin Clawson added that regardless of what is determined from the study, there would not be any layoffs in either of the utility departments.

Mr. Clawson mentioned that the lineman Rodeo was coming up fast and that he would begin working closely with Pat Krider to assist in ticket sales.

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

Motion: Mel Davis

Second: Anthony Abbott

Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Olin reported that the data center would likely be completed next week, and that there would be a ribbon cutting ceremony.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Clawson introduced Attorney Mark Allison from Ice Miller and Mujtaba "Moosh" from NI Solutions Inc.

Moosh provided a report that discussed the proposed internet rates for both residential as well as the business rates.

Mr. Davis asked what the research shows regarding internet within communities.

Moosh responded that it has been shown that areas with strong internet and streaming capabilities, a more robust economy and higher property values will be produced.

After some brief discussion regarding payment options, Mr. Clawson said that it would be up to the Board on how they would like to proceed with paying for the project. He clarified that the data center was being financed by the Electric Utility through a loan. The City is funding the initial build out of approximately \$700,000.00, but that leaves a remaining \$450-\$550 thousand of the project that will need to be paid for.

He added that it could be through cash payment or bonding, and that this is something that would have to be discussed further at a future meeting.

Mr. Allison with Ice Miller then presented information regarding the need to pass a resolution that establishes these rates and allows the Utility Director to negotiate and remain competitive with the business rates.

As a result, and in regards to previously passed Resolution 1-2018, Resolution 6-2018 was introduced to the board.

Motion to approve Resolution 6-2018.

Motion: Mel Davis                      Second: Paul Seymour JR

Motion carried.

Mayor Mollaun inquired about the pole attachment process. Mr. Clawson said that pole attachment would be added to the general terms and conditions.

Motion to permit addition.

Motion: Tony Abbott                      Second: Randy Abner

Motion carried.

Last discussion on the agenda was regarding the need to replace their financial specialist. Mrs. Vickie Robinson will be retiring in the upcoming months, and Mr. Clawson said that he would like to begin the task of finding her replacement so that this person could shadow her. This would allow more time for a seamless transition.

Paul Seymour JR asked if this position would be posted.

Mr. Clawson said that it would be, as it is a union position.

Motion to permit.

Motion: Randy Abner                      Second: Paul Seymour JR

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business

**MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS**

Motion: Mel Davis

Second: Tony Abbott

Motion carried.

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Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Mel Davis

Motion carried.