

UTILITY BOARD

August 22, 2018

6:20 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, Utility Director Olin Clawson, City Attorney Del Weldon, Mayor Kelly Mollaun, and Clerk-Treasurer Richard Richardson.

Board member Paul Seymour Jr. was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Mollaun advised that he was very pleased with the Fire Truck pull.

Approval of minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Aaron Cook

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Olin stated that he would like to have the Utility Board come by for a tour of the Data Center. He would, ideally, like to do this during the week day working hours.
2. The fiber optic program is underway and the current phase of the project should be coming to a close within the next 2-3 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Moosh came to the podium to deliver the bid opening for the last phase of the fiber project. The Mayor asked if it was typical to have this work bid out. Director Clawson advised that it was. Most Utilities want their employees to handle their day to day job duties and not be cumbered with additional work. Moosh opened the one bid that had arrived. TransTel placed a bid in the system for \$1.923 million. Olin and Moosh agreed that this was too high. Director Clawson advised that he would come back to the Board with different options. Director Clawson advised that he may advocate that LMU use some of its own people to finish the project. City attorney Weldon also asked for time to review the bid as well.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Salary Ordinance Amendment 13-2018 was presented to the Board. Board Member Tony Abbott asked if this was in accordance with the union contract. Olin advised that it didn't matter, because this was to bring the salary of the employees into line with their new work.

Board member Abbott advised that, that was not what he asked. He asked if it was in accordance with the union contract that dictated the raises given to employees. Olin again stated that it did not matter and that the union would be in favor of the raise and this was a minimal 8.26% raise for additional duties. Abbott stated that this was not in accordance to the union contract. Director Clawson advised to Mr. Abbott that it didn't matter because that is a minimum in the union contract. Councilperson Tony Abbott advised that it mattered to him.

Councilperson Mel Davis advised that this is because the linemen will not only be dealing with electric, but the new fiber optic program as well. Director Clawson further advised that this was not a large hit to his budget. He advised that if this doesn't change then he would be forced to hire 6 new employees with a job description that included fiber and the appropriate pay. He advised that he cannot do the work with the current staff. Councilperson Abbott stated that he would like to see the numbers before he voted on this Ordinance and also asked that the full Board be present. He advised that one of the Board members was absent. Director Clawson advised that if he didn't get this passed that he would resign his position, because he will not go back to his employees without this. Councilperson Tony Abbott stated that, this was a threat. Councilperson Mel Davis advised that when this was first brought up the Utility Board promised Mr. Clawson that when the fiber was installed that a wage increase would be discussed.

It was advised that the Utility Board would need to pass this through to Council to appropriate the additional money. It was advised that the Board would need to have a favorable opinion passed. A motion was presented to pass Ordinance 13-2018 through to Council with a favorable opinion.

Motion: Mel Davis

Second: Aaron Cook

Roll call vote: Tony Abbot: No, Aaron Cook: yes, Mel Davis: yes, Randy Abner: yes, and Paul Seymour Jr. was absent.

Motion passed 3-1 to go to Council with a favorable opinion.

MOTION TO APPROVE CLAIMS

Motion: Aaron Cook

Second: Tony Abbott

Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Tony Abbott

Second: Mel Davis

Motion carried.