



**CITY OF LAWRENCE
Utility Service Board
July 11, 2017/5:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting
Public Assembly Room**

Members Present: Dale Tekippe, Dave Parnell, Tracy Boyd, and Terry Gingles

Staff Present: Controller Jason Fenwick, Corporation Counsel David Johnson, Utilities Superintendent Scott Salsbery, Utilities Assistant Superintendent Paul Wanner, and Utilities Billing Manager Cathy Retmier

Also Present: two members of the community

Mr. Tekippe called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and announced a quorum.

Mr. Tekippe asked for a motion to approve the June 27 minutes; Mr. Parnell provided it and Ms. Boyd gave the second; they were approved 3-0.

Mr. Tekippe presented the Payment of Claims in the amount of \$737,861.67. The presented vouchers were \$142,107.01. Mr. Parnell moved to approve the payment of claims; Ms. Boyd provided the second. The motion passed 3-0.

Utility Superintendent Report: Mr. Tekippe asked Mr. Salsbery to give his report. Mr. Salsbery said he had researched Ms. Smith's question from June 27. He said he checked the past history and found in 2015, we averaged 18.8 MG per month in this category of data, in 2015 it dropped to 7.7 MG. 2016 was 10.5 MG and we are presently averaging 9.4MG for 2017. In recent years we have made great strides in accounting for various authorized un-billed/un-metered water uses, have installed meters in several locations for metered un-billed usages and also have stepped up customer account reviews and audits in an effort to reduce water losses. While we are not pleased with any amount of water loss, we realize it is a reality that we are not ever going to achieve zero losses. He said they would begin budget work for 2018 this month and the vector truck has been ordered. Mr. Salsbery updated the board on disbursement of funds: after legal, accounting and engineering costs were paid, the 8.5 million account is now at approximately \$8.11 million as projects begin in August. He reminded the board of the August 1 groundbreaking ceremony at 10 am at 5450 Richardt. Mr. Salsbery said he would accompany the mayor, controller and corporation counsel next week to Chicago where they will meet with Moody's and S & P as they hope to have the utility's bond rating upgraded.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

1. Mr. Tekippe asked for a motion to approve a covenant for Lot #56/Residences of Lawrence Village. Mr. Parnell provided the motion and Mr. Gingles gave the second. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Tekippe asked for Account Adjustments: Mrs. Retmier said a request from 9931 E. 46TH Street was made where the customer asked for an adjustment in the amount of \$1,081.46 for the sewer portion of the bill due to a pipe leaking under the home which was repaired. LU recommended approval. Mr. Parnell provided a motion to approve the adjustment; Mr. Gingles gave the second; the motion was passed unanimously.

Remonstrations of Ratepayer Dispute Regarding Disconnect Notice: there were none.

Citizen Comments:

1. Mr. Carlton Curry, Winding Wood Drive, thanked the controller for answering all of his questions before the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Parnell motioned for adjournment at 5:40 p.m.; Ms. Boyd provided the second and the motion passed 4-0.

Dale Tekippe, Vice President

Julie Kukolla, Recording Secretary

These minutes are not intended to be verbatim. They are a summary of discussions held, with the exception of the motions.