

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, MAY 23, 2005 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bob Clary, Commissioner Carl Kilgus, and Commissioner Dr. Marion Dwight. MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. CLERK: Bruce Watson. VISITOR: Jerry Durgan.

Chairman Clary called the meeting to order and Clerk Watson gave the invocation.

Chairman Clary announced that the first order of business was to elect a chairman for a two year term.

Commissioner Dwight nominated Commissioner Clary to serve as chairman. Commissioner Kilgus seconded the nomination. Chairman Clary was once again elected to serve as chairman of the BPW.

Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2005 meeting as received. Commissioner Dwight made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Dwight apologized to the Commissioners for not being able to attend last month's meeting due to an emergency.

The Income and Expense Statements were reviewed and accepted as presented.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that \$800,000.00 had been placed in last year's budget to upgrade two electrical circuits from North Street and New Bridge Street towards the hospital. He explained that the present circuits would be upgraded to 7,200 volt circuits. Manager Ellis explained that McCall Thomas Engineering had gone out for bids with Lee Electric bidding \$816,000.00 and Pike Electric bidding \$341,295.00. He informed the Commissioners that Pike Electric was willing to do the work just to keep their crews busy.

Commissioner Dwight made motion to accept the bid of \$341,395.00 from Pike Electric. Commissioner Kilgus made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the bar screens at the wastewater plant grit chamber needed to be replaced. He told the Commissioners that at present US Filter was saying it would take around \$268,000.00 to replace the screens. Manager Ellis said he was still looking at other sources and that he would have additional information at the next meeting.

Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioners that the Annual SCAMPS meeting would be held on June 26th through June 28th this year. He asked them to confirm their reservations with him.

Commissioner Kilgus told Manager Ellis that he would be attending a hand radio operators' field day at that time and that he would not be able to attend.

Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioner that the Annual MASC meeting was scheduled from July 28th to July 31st this year. He asked the Commissioner to confirm their registrations with him.

Manager Ellis reminded the Commissioners of the annual SCRWA meeting to be held from November 14th through the 17th at Myrtle Beach. He told them they would be receiving registration material in a few months.

During the Manager's Report.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that summer youth workers were busy painting fire hydrants. He said the caps of the hydrants would also be color coded according to the water flow of each hydrant.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that DHEC's testing of the water system found only a 2 plate count for total coliform in the system. He said if a 500 count had been found that the system would be considered unsafe for drinking and would have to be flushed. Manager Ellis said the inspection was a good one and that the water was very safe to drink.

Manager Ellis, presenting a gas price sheet to the Commissioners, said he was still negotiating with SC Pipeline for gas purchases.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the latest SC rate comparison for electricity had the Bamberg BPW at 25% below the average price for 1,000 kilowatts per hour.

Commissioner Kilgus asked Manager Ellis if he had looked into the construction of a Water Park.

Manager Ellis told the Commissioners that he had presented information to them concerning Orangeburg's water park at a previous meeting. He said Orangeburg was opening a new water park today with a charge of \$1.00 per activity.

Commissioner Kilgus asked the Commissioners if they had noticed that Santee Cooper was discussing the building of a big water plant.

Manager Ellis voiced that Santee Cooper was throwing 150 million dollars down the drain. He said the plant was way too expensive considering the output of the plant.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

ATTEST

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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