

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, August 3, 2009 AT 5:15 P.M. AT CITY HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Carl Kilgus, Commissioner Dr. Marion Dwight, and Commissioner Buddy Sandifer. MANAGER: Bruce Ellis. ACTING CLERK: Will Martin. VISITORS: Gene Searson, Craig Walker and Nancy Hiers.

Chairman Kilgus called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Commissioner Sandifer made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2009 and July 8, 2009 meetings as received. Commissioner Dwight made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

During discussion of the Budget and Finance Reports, Manager Ellis stated that there was nothing out of line. The Budget and Finance Reports were accepted as information.

Will Martin, Assistant Manager, then presented information on the Proposed 2009 / 2010 Budget and Relevant Financial Data to the Commissioners in the form of a Powerpoint presentation. Manager Ellis stated that some of the information relative to financial standing, specifically reserve fund allocation, would be of interest to the City. Commissioner Sandifer stated that he thought it would be good information for the City, that he had never seen that information in all his years on City Council.

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to accept the 2009 / 2010 Budget as presented. Commissioner Sandifer made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Commissioner Sandifer recommended that smaller annual rate increases would be preferred to holding off, then having a larger increase. Manager Ellis agreed and stated that 7% of the 10% electrical rate increase was to cover the increase in wholesale electricity cost from Santee Cooper.

Under Discussion of Budget Committee, Commissioner Sandifer stated that he was in favor of a 5 person budget committee. Commissioner Dwight stated that he saw no short-coming in the way that the budget was currently being done. After further discussion, Commissioner Sandifer made a motion to create a Budget Committee to consist of the BPW Chairman and his/her designee, the BPW Manager and his/her designee and the City Clerk. The motion died for lack of the necessary second.

Manager Ellis stated that there was not much to report on the stimulus funding. Other than some funding for energy conservation, stimulus funding was being handled through all of the usual grant programs.

After a brief discussion of the Model Loss Control Statement, Commissioner Sandifer made a motion to approve the Model Loss Control Statement. Commissioner Dwight made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Addressing concerns voiced to Commissioner Sandifer when he was running for the Board, the Commissioners discussed the need for Christmas lights on Main Hwy., south of Elm St. Manager Ellis stated that the Board of Public Works had bought approximately \$40,000 worth of Christmas lights in the past several years. That currently the BPW, installed, maintained, removed and stored the lights. Manager Ellis stated that he felt like the City needed to purchase any additional lights. Chairman Kilgus agreed, stating that the City and BPW should meet to discuss this. Chairman Kilgus stated that he and Manager Ellis would look into this with the City.

Manager Ellis reported that the proposed changes to the Sewer Use Ordinance needed to be approved to meet SC DHEC and EPA regulations and to bring the Sewer Use Ordinance into agreement with state law. Commissioner Dwight made the motion to approve the recommended changes to the Sewer Use Ordinance. Commissioner Sandifer made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Manager's Report, Manager Ellis presented the Commissioner's with information on the proposed changes to the wholesale Natural Gas Tariff from Southern Natural Gas. Manager Ellis also informed the Commissioners that in June 2009, the Board of Public Works had contributed \$39,000 to the City.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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