

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE BAMBERG BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ON MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 2004 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. VISITORS: Will Martin and Mayor Alton McCollum.

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

Commissioner Dwight made the motion to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2004 meeting as circulated. Commissioner Kilgus made the second. All approved. The motion carried.

During the review of the income and expense statements, Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that the grant projects were about to be completed.

Commissioners Kilgus asked if any more grant funds would be forthcoming.

Manager Ellis explained that the projects were finished but that reimbursement grant funds had come in during the month of August.

Commissioner Kilgus said he had noticed that hay sales were down.

Manager Ellis voiced that he wished the BPW would stop selling hay. He said the BPW was paying \$50.00 an hour to load a \$5.00 bale of hay.

Chairman Clary voiced that if the baling of hay was costing the BPW money that they may want to look at discontinuing the baling of hay.

Commissioner Kilgus asked where they would put the hay if it was not baled.

Manager Ellis said the BPW use to burn the hay.

Commissioner Kilgus said he noticed that the communications and radio expenses were up.

Manager Ellis explained that the BPW had purchased several new trucks that had to be equipped with radios this year. He said no trucks were purchased last year which kept the costs down.

Commissioner Kilgus said he also noticed that telephone expenses were down as compared to last year.

Clerk Watson explained that Bell South was now the BPW's complete carrier for phone services which had saved the BPW money.

Commissioner Kilgus said he noticed that auto operating expenses were up as well as the cost of waste water chemicals.

Manager Ellis explained that these items were purchased on an as needed basis. He said some months the cost of the items may be very low.

Commissioner Kilgus made the motion to accept the Income and Expense Statements as presented. Commissioner Dwight made the necessary second. All approved. The motion carried.

Under Manager's Report:

Manager Ellis reported that the grant projects were completed.

He informed the Commissioners that City Council had asked him to come to a City Council meeting to answer questions concerning the SCAT Park. He explained that he would present a power point presentation on the SCAT Park if the Commissioners wanted him to go.

Commissioner Kilgus said he felt that a tour of the SCAT Park needed to be conducted.

Manager Ellis said he would be meeting with a group to discuss the purchasing of natural gas.

Commissioner Kilgus asked if the BPW could possibly combine their buying power with others in order to purchase gas.

Manager Ellis assured him that they would be doing this.

Manager Ellis informed the Commissioners that SCE&G was asking for a proceeding agreement to be signed with them in order to allow them to transport natural gas for the BPW.

Manager Ellis said he told them no at this point because the BPW would be signing a blank check. He said the BPW would be negotiating with SCE&G to transport gas for the BPW.

With no announcements or questions, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk

Chairman-BPW

Commissioner-BPW

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