

METROPOLITAN LYNCHBURG MOORE COUNTY  
UTILITY DEPARTMENT  
BOARD MEETING  
September 8, 2020

The Metro Utility Board meeting scheduled for September 8, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. was called to order by Keith Moses. Members present were Keith Moses, Barry Poluszny, Will Shavers, Mayor Bonnie Lewis, Gerald Burnett Brooke Fanning and Russell Sells.

Motion was made by Gerald Burnett and seconded by Will Shavers to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Visitors: Travis Wilson, S&ME Inc., and Shane Taylor

Engineers' Report – Travis Wilson updated the board on the water pressure issues at Old Fayetteville Hwy. He explained that Jack Daniel Distillery and the Metro Utility are working in conjunction to determine which machines at the South Bottling Plant are using the largest amounts of water. Jack Daniel Distillery has been forthcoming with information as well as cooperative in discussions about this problem. His firm is currently dissecting information gathered to verify what areas are being directly affected. Mr. Wilson will be meeting with vendors soon to see what solutions can be utilized to assist with future growth on this end of the county.

Utility Board Ordinance Amendment: Russell Sells presented the board with an amendment to the county ordinance establishing the Utility Board. The sections affected are Section 1:b & c.

- (a) The Utility Board shall have five (5) members. The board members will be appointed by the Metropolitan Executive subject to confirmation by the Metropolitan Council.
- (b) The Utility Board members shall be Metropolitan Council Members. The board members will serve three (3) year terms which will begin September 1, except for board members appointed to fill unexpired terms.

A motion was made by Gerald Burnett and seconded by Barry Poluszny to amend the ordinance language to read:

- (b) The Utility Board shall have five (5) members. The board members will be appointed by the Metropolitan Executive subject to confirmation by the Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Executive will serve as ex-officio voting member of the Utility Board pursuant to Section 4.04 of the Metropolitan Charter.
- (c) At least two of the Utility Board members must be members of the Metropolitan Council on the date of their appointment. The board members will serve two (2) year terms with the option to recommit to the board beginning their service on September 1, except for board members appointed to fill unexpired terms who will serve two (2) years from the date of their appointment. Pursuant to Section 4.04 of the Metropolitan Charter, board members are subject to removal by the Metropolitan Executive.

A motion was made by Barry Poluszny and seconded by Will Shavers to present the ordinance changes to the Metro Council at the September 14, 2020 meeting for consideration. Motion carried 5-0.

Farmers Bank Review: After a discussion on First Bank's interest performance a general position to solicit interest rates from local banks via letter was approved. Brooke Fanning will submit letters requesting interest and term information on the following – Savings accounts and CD's for the board consideration. The banks that will be solicited are included in the State Bank Pool.

Manager's Report—Russell Sells informed the board of several action items progress.

1. The raw water pump is still not working. Currently waiting on a failure report.
2. The Great Meter Replacement program is kicking into gear. The project manager was here last week.
3. Water Plant Rehabilitation on filter beds estimated to cost \$386,000.00 and they are looking into other option to prolong the life of the filters.
4. Wastewater Treatment Plant post EQ basin is looking dingy due to the air lines at the plant being clogged. They are looking into a solution to correct this airflow deficiency.
5. MUD has had 1 reported case of COVID-19 positive employee. The employee has been out for two weeks and is still waiting to be cleared to return to work.
6. Water Loss was 38%; i/I was 26% for the month of August.
7. Mr. Sells will be on vacation at the October board meeting.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Gerald Burnett and seconded by Will Shavers to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Motion passed 5-0.

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Keith Moses, Acting Chairperson