



**October 21, 2019
Regular Board Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of Madison Utilities convened at the Madison Utilities' Office located at 101 Ray Sanderson Drive with Chairman Terris Tatum presiding. Vice Chairman Steve Haraway, Director Gerald Clark, Director A. Keith Cooke and Director Rob Szymd were present. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer/General Manager Emory DeBord and Recording Clerk Jodie Parker.

Others present were Wastewater Manager Mark Bland, Water Manager Jason Leggett, Finance Manager Gary Sparks, Customer Service Manager Misty Leftwich and Attorney Woody Sanderson.

Chairman Terris Tatum called the Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Registered Public in attendance: None

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. CURRENT AGENDA/MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

a. October 21, 2019 Current Agenda

The agenda for the October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting was presented to the Board. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to approve the October 21, 2019 Regular Meeting Agenda as submitted; Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. September 30, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the September 30, 2019 Regular Meeting were presented to the Board. Director Clark moved to approve the minutes for the September 30, 2019 Regular Meeting; Director Cooke seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PLATS/BONDS

a. Preliminary Project Approval

None

b. Dedication and Improvements

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

None.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. RSA Act 2019-132 Actuarial Valuation Results

Finance Manager Sparks stated that the recently passed Alabama legislation (Act 2019-132), which allows participating RSA agencies to provide Tier I retirement benefits to Tier II employees, would have much less of an impact on Madison Utilities than originally anticipated. He added that since MU was not notified of the Actuarial Valuation Results until after the October 1st deadline, the changes may not be adopted until October 1, 2020. Finance Manager Sparks also stated that after evaluating the cost versus the benefit gained, there appeared to be no visible reason why the Board would not want to approve the resolution to adopt the change.

Some brief discussion ensued and Attorney Sanderson suggested removing two lines from the sample resolution which pertained primarily to fire fighters and law enforcement. Director Clark stated MU should go ahead and make the corrections to the resolution and bring it to the next Board meeting for approval while it is still fresh in their minds; the other Board members concurred.

b. Award of Purchase 2020 Western Star Tri-Axle Dump Truck and Resolution No. WWB-126-2019

Wastewater Manager Bland began by disclosing an error in the calculation of the quote provided by the vendor. He asked that if the Board approved the award of purchase that they do so for the corrected amount of \$160,003 though it may not end up being that much. Director Clark moved to approve the Award of Purchase for the 2020 Western Star Tri-Axle Dump Truck in the amount of \$160,003 and Resolution No. WWB-126-2019; Vice Chairman Haraway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. LEGAL

Attorney Woody Sanderson briefly updated the Board on a few ongoing legal matters. One motion was made regarding the Williams Well. General Manager DeBord stated he had been approached about purchasing the well since Madison Utilities has a first right of refusal agreement in place. Director Clark expressed concerned about relying on the Tennessee River as the sole source of water supply. Vice Chairman Haraway agreed. Chairman Tatum suggested MU move forward with the purchase. Vice Chairman Haraway moved to go forward with the purchase of the Williams Well; Director Szmyd seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. WATER REPORT

Water Manager Leggett stated there would be some upcoming new EPA regulations regarding lead and copper testing to include a reduction in the limit of allowable lead and testing of schools and daycares. Water Manager Leggett added that MU's numbers for lead and copper are low and the changes won't have a significant impact other than requiring more sampling to take place.

8. WASTEWATER REPORT

Wastewater Manager Bland updated the Board on a current customer concern and stated that Attorney Sanderson would be drafting a letter. He also added that the Martin Road Force main would be tied in the following night, the Town Madison Lift Station is 100% complete, and the valve for the WWTP is not expected to be delivered until December.

9. FINANCE REPORT

Finance Manager Sparks told the Board there was an upcoming meeting with Frazier Lanier to discuss more level annualized debt service payments and tiered structures for repayment. He added that he will be able to provide Raftelis with more information so that they can complete their rate analysis which has been ongoing. Finance Manger Sparks indicated he had been speaking with a couple of financial advisors and Chairman Tatum and the Board agreed that he should do whatever was in the best interest of MU and its customers.

10. CUSTOMER SERVICE

None

11. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

None

12. VICE CHAIRMAN HARAWAY

None

13. DIRECTOR COOK

None.

14. DIRECTOR CLARK

Director Clark mentioned that at the last City Council meeting, a customer of Madison Utilities stated that they didn't think the Board should consider approving multiple plats in one motion. Director Clark suggested the Board consider voting on plats individually in the future.

15. DIRECTOR SZMYD

None

16. CHAIRMAN TATUM

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m. the Board agreed to adjourn.

Approved,



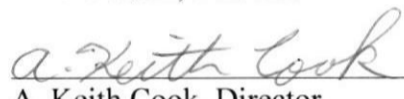
Terris Tatum, Chairman



Steve Haraway, Vice Chairman



Gerald Clark, Director



A. Keith Cook, Director



Rob Szmyd, Director

ATTEST:



Emory DeBord, Secretary/Treasurer