

Bagley Public Utilities
Commissioners Meeting
January 17, 2024

Chairman Thomas Lillegaard called to order the regular meeting of the Bagley Public Utilities Commission on January 17, 2024 at 10:00am. Also present for the meeting were Commissioner Stuart Lien, Secretary Dennis Merschman via zoom, and managers Bill Masterson and Vicky Fletcher.

Motion by Merschman and second by Lien to approve the minutes as written for the regular board meeting held December 19, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Lien, seconded by Merschman to approve the December 2023 expenditures as listed. Motion carried.

Commission reviewed the invoices payable in January 2024. Lien moved to approve payment of January 2024 bills with second by Merschman. Motion carried.

Masterson department updates:

- Water and sewer are operating normal.
- The retransmission contract renewal with Forum Communications has been finalized. BPU is still waiting for closure on the agreements with Red River Broadcast Co, LLC, negotiated by Jean Ehdlund, and Gray Television through NCTC.
- Scott Caouette hired Todavich Electric to assist with re-wiring streetlights on Hwy 2.

Masterson reported on issues related to the Water/Sewer Project. Reierson would not sign Pay Application #8 that included deduction for liquidated damages as approved by City Council. Masterson is working with Mike Karvakko, engineer, and Stephen Larson, attorney, on next step to resolve dispute over payment. Masterson updated Board on progress of Phase II, III, and IV, and explained how the funding will be utilized for various phases. Bid opening is still on schedule for March 2024.

Fletcher opened discussion of rate increases for water and sewer charges. Motion made by Merschman to increase base charges by \$2.00 for all water and sewer services, residential and commercial, effective January 1, 2024. The usage charge will remain \$6.30 per 1,000 gallons for water and sewer. Motion was seconded by Lien and carried. A copy of Resolution 2024-01 to adopt new rate schedule will be included with these minutes.

Board reviewed financial reports for November 2023.

With no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Merschman and seconded by Lien to adjourn the meeting.

Thomas Lillegaard, Chairman

Attest:

Vicky Fletcher, Business Manager