

Hooker Municipal Authority

Regular Meeting

December 7, 2023

Present: Mayor Aaron Witt, John Schmidt, Wesley Hofferber, James Farley

Also present: Sara Ogden, Anjanette Gibler, Winter Roybal, Misty Lynch, Scott Hedrick, Patrick Wilson, Jerri Kerr

Absent: Austin Buschman

Mayor Witt called the meeting to order. Witt asked for approval or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Hofferber made a motion to approve the purchase orders by consent agenda. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried. Treasurer's Report was also reviewed.

Gas index is \$2.60 this month. Roybal reporter the gas loop at Clara is complete and the gas line replacement in the alley between Lorenz and Pershing from Main to Hickory will start next week.

Schmidt made a motion to approve Option 3, 5.5% fixed for 10 years, approximately \$4,350/month, for the Water Tower Maintenance lease term. Farley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

After some discussion regarding the Well replacement, test holes and easements, Farley made a motion to table the Well Replacement for #6. Schmidt seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

The Council reviewed current water utility rates compassions from S&B CPA's and Associates, PLLC, a letter from Earle's Engineering and opened a discussion regarding the water utility rates. Schmidt made a motion to increase the minimum of \$26.00 by 10% for 2024 to make it \$28.60 and 5% ever year thereafter for 5 years and change the usage rate per thousand gallons used above the 3000 minimum by \$0.25/1000 gallons each usage tier.

There was no new business so Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. Hofferber seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

City Clerk

Mayor