Aug 23, 2022 Hartsville-Trousdale County Water & Sewer Utility District Meeting of Board of Commissioners

The August meeting was called to order by Chairman Bay.

The invocation was done by Dwight Jewell who also led the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present were Heather Bay, Dwight Jewell, Kendra Stafford, Stephen Chambers and Mark White. Others in attendance were Evan White, Tommy McFarland, and Mary Dale Welch.

Chairman Bay announced that the monthly meetings, starting in September, will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm.

Our departing Board Members, Todd Webber, Stephen Chambers, and Dwight Jewell were recognized with a thank you and a plaque.

The July minutes were approved on a motion by Dwight Jewell and seconded by Mark White.

The July financials were approved on a motion by Stephen Chambers and seconded by Kendra Stafford.

Tommy presented the water loss report. It was at 36% this time last year and is at 32% this year. A large leak approximately 5million gallons a month was found on Badgett Lane. Still waiting on the meters for the water plant to ship. Also, another zone meter has been installed which helps to isolate the problem leak areas. Stephen Chambers made a motion to accept the water loss report. Mark White seconded the motion.

Evan White, Mid Tenn Engineering, reported the shop building is about 77% complete. The 20-year master plan for water is complete and the sewer plan is about 90% complete. Hwy 141 plans have been submitted to TDOT. The SRF (State Revolving Fund) loan is requiring that the rates for water be increased. The last water rate increase was in 2013. Mark White made the statement that the rates need to be reviewed each year to keep up with inflation. After much discussion, Dwight Jewell made a motion to increase the water rate by 12% effective 10/10/2022. Mark White seconded the motion.

Next on the agenda was the wastewater regulations which were presented last month. Stephen Chambers made a motion to change the wording in the regulations where the word City should be changed to Urban Services and County or Rural should be changed to General Services. Also in section 106 subsection c, remove the second is so it would now read: Where property is subdivided, and buildings use a common building sewer now located on separate properties, the building sewers must be separated within 60 days. Mark White seconded the motion.

A request was made to bring the wastewater regulations back to the Board next month after the changes are made.

Tommy informed the board Servline has decreased their rates for the water leak protection program. Dwight Jewell made a motion to accept the new rates. Stephen Chambers seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned.