

**COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Minutes of April 13, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works was held on Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., in the Boardroom at 121 West Court Avenue.

**In attendance:**

Arthur C. Bush	Steve D. Reeves, Jr.	Chris Lindley	Alethea Phillips
Michael G. Monaghan	Jeff Chapman	Jeff Auman	Russell Holley
Henry O. Watts	Eduardo Noriega	Wayne Bartley	Bill Patrick
	Jerry Smith	Teresa Lake	
	Jeff Meredith	Vicki Knott	

- I. Chairman Watts called the meeting to order and Commissioner Bush gave the invocation.
  
- II. Chairman Watts gave the statement of compliance with the notification provision of the Freedom of Information Act.
  
- III. Bid Opening:
  - A. Pole Painting Services
  - B. Hydroseeder
  - C. Backhoe
  
- IV. Business:
  - A. Mr. Jerry Smith gave a Presentation of the First Quarter 2017 Gas Purchase Update. In his update, Mr. Smith stated that the Greenwood CPW all-in natural gas residential rate among 18 similar utilities in South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia was the second lowest in January, the first lowest in February and the 12<sup>th</sup> lowest in March. He said that on February 27<sup>th</sup>, CPW purchased the remaining 25% of estimated volumes for October 2018 – March 2019. It was at a target price of \$3.00/Dth. In March, due to a cold spell, CPW curtailed four customers for three days. Mr. Smith said that the winter weather was extremely mild and that gas prices are now rising in anticipation of summer. Mr. Smith stated that the U.S. ended the winter 2016-2017 season with a healthy amount of gas in storage. He said the economy may be improving and that could increase demand and that if this summer has hot weather, it would add to upward price pressure. Mr. Smith said that as crude

oil prices remain in the \$40-\$60/barrel range, this will stimulate oil production, and “associated” gas production and that will enhance gas supply. Mr. Smith stated that because of relatively high current prices (\$3.20 - \$3.40; \$3.50 - \$3.60 for winter), we don’t expect to make additional purchases for this summer. He said we have 25% covered for the rest of the year, with relatively high market prices but may add to that if prices come down. Mr. Smith concluded by saying that we expect continued supply additions to keep a lid on prices and to moderate price increases.

- B. Manager Reeves requested that the Board delay action on Consideration of the Fiber Optic Contract until after discussion in Executive Session.
- C. Manager Reeves stated that the following is a Resolution to authorize Economic Development Administration Application Submission and Execution of Grant Award. CPW applied for this Grant and it is for the Water Line in front of Teijin. Manager Reeves read the Resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND EXECUTION OF GRAND AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Greenwood, South Carolina (“CPW”) has submitted a request to the Economic Development Administration for funding under its Public Works Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the project application entitled “Project Café Infrastructure Project” has been selected for funding subject to appropriation and availability of funds to the Economic Development Administration for FY 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, additional documentation has been requested by the Economic Development Administration to confirm applicant and project eligibility.

**NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that the CPW Commissioners authorize the initial application submission as well as the additional information to the Economic Development Administration; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the CPW Commissioners authorize the execution of the grant award if received.

**DONE AND PASSED** in a meeting duly assembled on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

Commissioner Bush made a **motion** to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Monaghan and unanimously approved.

V. Other Business:

Manager Reeves stated he had no items of Other Business.

VI. Executive Session:

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Monaghan to go into *Executive Session* to discuss Contractual and Personnel Matters per SC Code 30-4-7-(a), seconded by Commissioner Bush and unanimously approved. Manager Reeves stated that following *Executive Session*, the Commissioners may return to Open Session to take action on matters discussed in *Executive Session*.

The Commissioners went into *Executive Session*.

After *Executive Session*, the Commissioners returned to Open Session.

Mr. Bill Patrick stated that during Executive Session, Management briefed the Commissioners on Lease Agreements with Spirit Telecom for excess dark fiber and Management recommended that the Commissioners authorize Management to execute two new Lease Agreements with Spirit which would replace some current Lease Agreements and the motion would be if the Commissioners want to approve that, to authorize the General Manager to execute two Dark Fiber Lease Agreements with Spirit Telecom as discussed in Executive Session.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Bush to authorize the Manager to execute two Dark Fiber Lease Agreements with Spirit Telecom, seconded by Commissioner Monaghan and unanimously approved.

Mr. Bill Patrick stated that also during Executive Session, the Commissioners discussed the possibility of giving employees Good Friday as a Holiday as is done by Greenwood County and the City of Greenwood and asked if the Commissioners

wanted to make a motion to grant Good Friday of 2017 as a Holiday to the employees and to add Good Friday to the list of approved Holidays of the CPW.

A **motion** was made by Commissioner Monaghan to give CPW employees Good Friday as a Holiday and to add it to the list of approved Holidays, seconded by Commissioner Bush and unanimously approved.

VII. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved: 5/25, 2017

  
Secretary