The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff

September 21, 2021

STATE OF ALABAMA

CHEROKEE COUNTY

The Utilities Board of the Town of Cedar Bluff met for their regular business meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Board room located at 4971 AL Hwy 68, Cedar Bluff Alabama. Meeting was called to order at 4:01 by Chairperson Cindy Early.

Roll Call:

Jack Bond Present Linda Pickelsimer Present

Cindy Early Present Angela Ritchie Absent

James Bo Martin Absent

Minutes for the August 19, 2021 meeting were presented for approval. A motion to approve as presented was made by Cindy Early and seconded by Linda Pickelsimer.

Motion Carried (3-0)

Jack Bond Yes Linda Pickelsimer Yes

Cindy Early Yes Angela Ritchie Absent

Bo Martin Absent

Treasurer Pickelsimer presented the Financial Reports for the month of August. Mrs. Pickelsimer stated all transactions were reviewed, and reports seemed to be in order. A motion to accept the reports as printed was made by Mrs. Pickelsimer, and was seconded by Jack Bond.

Motion Carried (3-0)

AYE: Bond, Early, Pickelsimer

NAY: None

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Martin, Ritchie

In the Manager’s Report, Mr. Harrell presented the Board with the work log for the month of August. The log consisted of 24 water leaks, 1 sewer tap, 8 water meter replaced, and 1 water main repair. A total of 126 work orders were performed for the month.

Manager Harrell informed the Board that the dump truck, the Board has been in possession of belonging to the Police Department, had been taken back by the Town. Mr. Harrell expressed the need for a dump truck and asked the Board to consider purchasing one. Manager Harrell presented the Board with two possible options that he had found online. After discussion of the cost and need of a dump truck, Chairman Early suggested that Mr. Harrell go look at the trucks and to look for other options also. Mr. Harrell will report back to the Board next meeting and discussion was tabled until then.

In unfinished business, Mr. John Hyatt was in attendance to discuss the possibility of sewer being ran down County Road 44, to the area of The Bluff’s Community. Mr. David Debter who was also on the agenda, was not in attendance. Mr. Debter is the owner of Curley’s Cove Camper Park, which is in the same area as The Bluff’s. Mr. Debter is also interested in having sewer ran to that area. Chairman Early expressed her desire for all Board members to be present for this discussion, and the possibility of lack of interest from the residents of the area that are already on septic systems with no problems. Treasurer Pickelsimer also expressed the need of engineers’ input on this decision and concern for the Board’s current sewer infrastructure. Mr. Bond expressed concern of the Board’s sewer system being sufficient for the addition, and concern for the Board’s existing customers and future water customers. After discussion, the Board asked Manager Harrell to contact L.A.D.D. Engineering about the project, and ask them to attend the next meeting to discuss further. Discussion was then tabled until October meeting.

In new business, Treasurer Pickelsimer presented the 2021/2022 Proposed Budget for review. Mrs. Pickelsimer stated there had been some overages in the expenditures for the current year due to circumstances beyond our control. At 4:30pm, Chairman Early made a motion to go into executive session to discuss good name and character, to reconvene afterward. Motion was seconded by Linda Pickelsimer.

Motion Carried (3-0)

Jack Bond Yes Linda Pickelsimer Yes

Cindy Early Yes Angela Ritchie Absent

Bo Martin Absent

Meeting reconvened at 4:48pm.

Chairman Early turned this portion over to Treasurer Pickelsimer. Mrs. Pickelsimer made a motion to accept the 2021/2022 Budget as presented by Chief Utility Clerk Jenni Burt. Motion was seconded by Jack Bond.

Motion Carried (3-0)

Jack Bond Yes Linda Pickelsimer Yes

Cindy Early Yes Angela Ritchie Absent

Bo Martin Absent

At this time, Treasurer Pickelsimer made a motion to make a one-time $50,000.00 loan payment on the 2014 USDA Bond. Funds for the payment will be as follows: $24,000.00 from Debt Retirement and $16,000.00 from Liability & Workers’ Compensation, in Union State Bank Allocations Account. With the remaining $10,000.00 coming from Peoples Bank General Fund. Payment to be made as soon as possible before the fiscal year end of September 30, 2021. Motion was seconded by Jack Bond.

Motion Carried (3-0)

Jack Bond Yes Linda Pickelsimer Yes

Cindy Early Yes Angela Ritchie Absent

Bo Martin Absent

Treasurer Pickelsimer made a motion to grant a $.50 per hour increase across the board to all Board employees, to be effective January 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Jack Bond.

Motion Carried (3-0)

Jack Bond Yes Linda Pickelsimer Yes

Cindy Early Yes Angela Ritchie Absent

Bo Martin Absent

After assuring there was no other business to discuss, Chairperson Early adjourned the meeting at 4:50.

APPROVED October 19, 2021:

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CINDY EARLY, CHAIRMAN

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JENNI BURT, SECRETARY