

Plummer City Council Meeting
February 28, 2017

The Special Meeting was called to order at 4:00p.m by Mayor Weems.

Present: Tim Stockdale, Council
Julie Miller, Council
Tim Clark, Council President
Brad Hampton, Council

Also Present: Sara Gauthier; City Clerk-Treasurer, Leonard Johnson; City Foreman, Andrew Doman; City Counselor, Orron Gilmore; Gazette Record.

Scope of Work Mountain Waterworks/Resignation: Miller asked if they are willing to stay! Weems stated they are waiting to see what happens tonight. City Counselor thinks that sometimes there is a lack of communication between the Council and Mountain Waterworks. We have a lot of different projects going on unlike other municipalities having only 1 project. City Counselor suggested having Leonard or a liaison of the Council getting a report from Mountain Waterworks and then come back and inform the Council where we are at. Expenses: they don't have to be at every meeting but should be available by phone for questions. Clark stated he has been here for 1 year now. One question he has asked is what role is Mountain Waterworks taking. Are we spreading them thin? For internal controls having invoices for \$4,000-\$5,000 per month for miscellaneous services it should be detailed. He feels that the communication is there but there also needs to be accountability. City Counselor stated more explanation is better; the invoice should be detailed so we know what we are billed for.

Hampton mentioned from task order 122.0170 the hours between invoice 1906 & 1932 that invoice 1906 had 192.5 hours and invoice 1932 had 96.5 hours. Invoice 1932 was a lot more than invoice 1906 with 192.5 hours.

Stockdale said when we first hired Mountain Waterworks it was Lance Dennis, he was golden. Lance moved and as soon as he moved Stockdale feels it all went downhill. Miller asked where the information is that we are getting hosed. USDA, the engineers-USKH and everyone had to look through the paperwork before giving us the funding. Stockdale mentioned he talked to the engineers about a year ago about the misc services task order invoices being specific, they were really good and then all of a sudden they starting being an issue again. Miller stated that the voters approved the bond and trusted us and if we start over it could put less trust in the voters in the council.

City Counselor stated he feels that communication is the issue. Maybe we should have a liaison of the Council and Mountain Waterworks with a monthly summary prior to the meeting. More detail on everything they submit. Maybe the misc services task order should be under a monthly retainer.

Clark asked why does the City have to spend half a million dollars to put a well in, when a normal resident wouldn't spend nearly that. City Counselor said USDA put the specs on the well and while drilling there were changes. City Counselor also said there is accountability lacking. Engineers hose any public entity whether it be a City, School, etc. Hampton would like to see a monthly report. Clark stated that there is a lot of finger pointing but we only have 2 options. We can accept their resignation letter and find a new engineering firm or don't accept it and try and work things out between Mountain Waterworks and us.

Miller asked if we were to get new firm would we have to pay to catch them up. City Counselor said we would have to pay to catch them up. Hampton said he would rather not start fresh. Clark asked if we going to have a good relationship or are they just going to terminate later on down the road if they don't like how they are questioned?

Hampton said we are moving forward finally and if we accept their resignation it feels like we will be moving backwards.

Miller said we should convey a good attitude with them. Weems said he trust them. Leonard stated they are very trustworthy.

Hampton made a motion to not accept Mountain Waterworks resignation until we have a meeting to hash out our differences on both sides and keep them as our engineers. Miller seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote Hampton aye, Stockdale aye, Clark aye, Miller aye. Motion Passed.

Special Meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

William Weems, Mayor

Sara Gauthier, City Clerk-Treasurer