City of Marietta

Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF LIGHTS AND WATER

Steve "Thunder" Tumlin, Chairman
Terry G. Lee, Vice Chair
Bruce E. Coyle
Alice Summerour
Brian Torras
Mike Wilson
Michelle Cooper Kelly

Monday, September 9, 2019
12:00 PM
City Council Chambers

Presiding: R. Steve Tumlin
Present: Alice Summerour, Bruce E. Coyle, Terry G. Lee, Mike Wilson and Michelle Cooper Kelly, Brian Torras

Also Present:
Ron Mull, BLW General Manager
William Bruton, City Manager
Kevin Moore Board Attorney
Stephanie Guy, Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman R. Steve Tumlin called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

INVOCATION:

Chairman Tumlin called upon Board member Alice Summerour to give the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Everyone was asked to remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. MINUTES:

20190804 Regular Meeting - August 12, 2019

Review and approval of August 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Board member Kelly, seconded by Board member Summerour, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved
II. APPOINTMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

III. SCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

IV. BLW OPERATING DEPARTMENTS:

Customer Care:

20190805 BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2019, Objective 9A

Deliverable for BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2019, Objective 9A, Review new technology applications for all customer service delivery systems.

Reported

20190806 BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2019, Objective 9B

Deliverable for BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2019, Objective 9B, Review of operating policies & procedures to ensure that the MBLW can meet the needs of our customers in a timely & efficient manner.

Reported

Electrical:

20190813 Electric System Update

Update on the BLW Electric System.

Reported

20190811 Marietta Board of Lights & Water Policy & Procedure No. 3.33, Unmetered Devices, Schedule UD

Consideration for approval of new Marietta Board of Lights & Water Policy No. 3.33, Unmetered Devices, Schedule UD, which pertains to recent State laws regarding small cell.

Motion to approve a new Marietta Board of Lights & Water Policy No. 3.33, Unmetered Devices, Schedule UD, which pertains to recent State laws regarding small cell.

The motion was made by Board member Kelly, seconded by Board member Lee, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved
Marketing:

20190696  BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2019, Objective 6B

Deliverable for BLW Board Strategic Business Plan 2019, Objective 6B, Management will advise the Board of important information on MBLW’s competitors, their target markets, product/service offerings, cost structure, strategies and performance.

Reported

Information Technology (IT):

Water & Sewer:

20190812  Sewer Easement Encroachment - 436 Lemon Street

Board direction on sewer easement encroachment at 436 Lemon Street.

Motion to approve variance of policy No. 5.11 for property located at 436 Lemon Street, provided the owner Mr. Potts signs a BLW Hold Harmless Agreement which includes language outlining the hold harmless aspect and provides an easement in case of future relocation of the sewer main on the property. Further, the recorded easement shall be incorporated as part of the Hold Harmless Agreement.

The motion was made by Board member Kelly, seconded by Board member Lee, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0  Approved

20190807  Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA)

Monthly Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority (CCMWA) report.

Reported

V.  CENTRALIZED SUPPORT:

Finance:

20190793  BLW Finance Report

Review of the BLW Finance reports for August 2019.

Reported
VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

20190815 Budget/ Rates Committee

Committee Chair Terry Lee to announce date/time of next Budget/ Rates Committee meeting.

Committee Chairman Lee announced that the next Budget/Rates Committee meeting will be held October 7, 2019 at 11am.

Reported

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

20190836 Request to City Council

Consideration of motion to amend the August request to Council for Charter change to authorize the BLW to create a single member Georgia Limited Liability Company (LLC).

Motion to amend the August request to Council for Charter change to authorize the BLW to create a single member Georgia Limited Liability Company (LLC), with the BLW being the single member.

The motion was made by Board member Coyle, seconded by Board member Lee, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0 Approved

20190808 MEAG Business Report


Reported

VIII. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:

20190810 Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia (MEAG) Annual Subscription for Supplemental Power 2020

Consideration of the supplemental power supply nomination as presented and recommendation that the City Council authorize the agreement for the 2020 Annual Subscription with MEAG accordingly.
Motion to approve the supplemental power supply nomination as presented and recommendation that the City Council authorize the agreement for the 2020 Annual Subscription with MEAG accordingly.

The motion was made by Board member Kelly, seconded by Board member Torres, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0  Approved

20190809  Public Power/ Clean Water Week 2019


Reported

IX.  OTHER BUSINESS:

20190837  Settlement Agreement - North Forest Avenue

Approval of the North Forest Avenue Settlement Agreement.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement related to North Forest Avenue, as presented.

The motion was made by Board member Coyle, seconded by Board member Lee, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0  Approved

X.  UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES:

Larry Wills, who lives on Oakmount Drive, addressed the Board.

XI.  EXECUTIVE SESSION (at the Board's discretion):

20190816  Executive Session

Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal, and/ or real estate matters.

A motion was made in open session by Board member Coyle, seconded by Board member Lee, to enter an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 7 – 0 – 0  Approved

The Executive Session was held.
A motion was made in open session by Board member Lee seconded by Board member Summerour, to exit the Executive Session. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0  Approved
Absent for the vote: Michelle Cooper Kelly

A motion was made by Board member Lee, seconded by Board member Torras, to suspend the rules of order to add an item to the agenda related to the acquisition of easements. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0  Approved
Absent for the vote: Michelle Cooper Kelly

A motion was made by Board member Wilson, seconded by Board member Lee, to authorize the acquisition of easements at 2306 Powers Ferry Drive in exchange for $4,826. The motion carried by the following vote:

Vote: 6 – 0 – 0  Approved
Absent for the vote: Michelle Cooper Kelly

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Approved by City Council:

Date:  September 11, 2019

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R. Steve Tumlin, Mayor

Attest: _________________________
Stephanie Guy, City Clerk
Approved by Board of Lights and Water:

Date: October 7, 2019

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R. Steve Tumlin, Chairman

Attest: _______________________
   Stephanie Guy, City Clerk