



Columbus Water Works

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Protecting the Environment*

December 14, 2020

Due to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declaring Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a health emergency and pandemic, this Board may alternatively utilize virtual meetings during the period of emergency in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-1(g).

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia was held as a virtual meeting due to the COVID-19 virus. It was held on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. Chairman Reynolds Bickerstaff took the roll call and the following Commissioners were present:

Reynolds Bickerstaff, Chairman
Sanders Griffith, Vice Chairman
Becky Rumer
Rodney Close
Mayor Skip Henderson

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on November 16, 2020, were presented to the Board. Motion was made by Mayor Henderson and seconded by Rodney Close to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

President Davis introduced Shelia Mabry, an employee with the Columbus Water Works. Shelia was present at the meeting in order to be recognized upon her retirement. Shelia was an outstanding employee throughout her 32 years of service. President Davis presented her with the following Resolution:

A Resolution


Whereas, Shelia L. Mabry, has been an employee of the Columbus Board of Water Commissioners since June, 1988 is retiring; and,

Whereas, Shelia L. Mabry, has served in the capacity of Cashier Supervisor in the Customer Service Department with the Columbus Water Works; and,

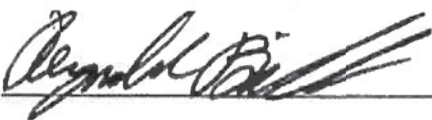
Whereas, Shelia L. Mabry, has performed in an outstanding and productive manner throughout her thirty-two years of service;

~~Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved~~ that the Board of Water Commissioners of the City of Columbus, Georgia, on behalf of all the people of the City, hereby publicly expresses appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Shelia L. Mabry for her diligent and faithful service on behalf of the Columbus Water Works; and,

Be It Further Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the official minutes of this Board this fourteenth day of December 2020, and that the Secretary of this Board be directed to furnish copies of this resolution to the said Shelia L. Mabry, and to the Clerk of Council of Columbus, Georgia.



PRESIDENT, COLUMBUS WATER WORKS



CHAIR, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS



SECRETARY, BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

The Board congratulated Ms. Mabry on her retirement.

Secretary Hinton presented the Financial Report for the month of November including Ft. Benning to the Board. Motion was made by Mayor Henderson and seconded by Becky Rumer to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Kevin White presented the following Victory Elevated Storage Tank Project to the Board for their approval:

Victory Elevated Storage Tank

- This project consists of:
 - Construction of a 500,000-gallon elevated water storage tank
 - Proposed site is approximately a quarter mile south of intersection of Eighth Division Road and Jamestown Road.
 - Tank will provide redundancy and help maintain water quality to this part of the Fort Benning distribution system.
 - Engineering plans and specifications were provided by Krebs Engineering
- On June 18, 2020, two bids were publicly opened and read as follows:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Caldwell Tanks, Inc.	\$2,070,000.00
Phoenix Fabricators & Erectors	\$2,097,088.00

- The engineer's estimate was \$1,800,000.00. The engineer has reviewed and tabulated the bids and recommends contract award to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. as the low responsive, responsible bidder, at the bid price of \$2,070,000.00 (Funded via Fort Benning Contract Mod).
- Staff requests Board approval to award the Victory Elevated Storage Tank Project to Caldwell Tanks, Inc. at the bid price of \$2,070,000.00.

Following discussion, motion was made by Rodney Close and seconded by Becky Rumer to award the contract to Caldwell Tanks, Inc., in the amount of \$2,070,000.00 for the Victory Elevated Storage Tank Project. Motion carried.

President Davis presented the following meeting dates to the Board for calendar year 2021. These dates are all on the second Monday of each month, starting at 1:30 p.m., with the exception of the June, October and November meetings:

Monday, January 11, 2021
Monday, February 8, 2021
Monday, March 8, 2021
Monday, April 12, 2021
Monday, May 10, 2021
Monday, June 21, 2021*

No Meeting in July**
Monday, August 9, 2021
Monday, September 13, 2021
Monday, October 18, 2021***
Monday, November 15, 2021****
Monday, December 13, 2021

*Changed due to AWWA Annual Conference
**No meeting due to GAWP Annual Conference
***Changed due to Columbus Day
****Changed due to Veterans Day

Motion was made by Becky Rumer and seconded by Mayor Henderson to approve the above scheduled Board meeting dates for the calendar year 2021. Motion carried.

The following Departmental Reports for the month of November were provided to the Board as information only:

- Customer Service Reports
- Customer Advocacy/Meter Maint/Water Accountability Reports
- Engineering Reports
- Field Services Reports
- Information Services/Security/Environmental Services Reports
- Corporate Relations Reports
- Employee Services Reports
- Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Reports

There was no discussion.

President Davis provided the following items of information to the Board:

- President Davis received a letter from Governor Brian Kemp informing him that GEFA has approved a \$24.7 million Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and a \$22.4 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for improving our water and wastewater system infrastructure. He congratulated CWW on our endeavors to meet the environmental and public health needs of our community.
- The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to CWW for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 25, 2019. This Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting,

and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

At this time, Chairman Bickerstaff asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss CWW's CSO Permit. Motion was made by Rodney Close and seconded by Mayor Henderson to enter into Executive Session. Motion carried.

Upon coming out of Executive Session, the Board went back into the regular meeting. There being no further business, motion was made by Sanders Griffith and seconded by Becky Rumer to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried.



Alex D. Hinton, Secretary