**Minutes**

**Public Services Board**

**City of Marion**

**Tuesday, October 9, 2012**

Present: Kevin Morgan, Bill Jones, Mark Morgan, and Tom Padley, Colleen Prokop

Absent: None

Absent: Staff: Ryan Miller, Diane Toy

1. Approval of September Minutes.
2. Review of Solid Waste Exemptions and House Pickup Service.
3. Discussion regarding Solid Waste fees.
4. Discussion regarding Emergency Preemption Project.
5. Equipment Replacement – Street Sweepers.
6. Update on Resource Recovery Project.
7. Update on Wastewater Treatment Study.
8. Update on Property Acquisition.
9. Old/New Business.
10. Adjournment.

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ITEM 1 Call to Order

Colleen Prokop called to order the regular meeting of the Public Service Board on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 12:15 PM. A motion to approve the September 2012 minutes was made by Mark Morgan, seconded by Bill Jones, Motion carried.

ITEM 2 Review of Solid Waste Exemptions and House Pickup Service

Public Service provided the Board with 2 new house pick ups for 2 Marion residents. A motion to approve the new house pick ups was presented by Mark Morgan, seconded by Colleen Prokop and rest of the board, Motion carried.

ITEM 3 Discussion regarding Solid Waste fees

There was a discussion with the City Council to eliminate the senior rate reduction and they were against it. Ryan talked to the PS Board about the increase of Solid Waste fees by a $1.00 per month for all residents starting in January 2013. The last increase was in 2008 and this covers all residential solid waste, yard waste and recycling services. We also have the lowest rates of similar size cities in Iowa. Tom Padley approved, seconded by Bill Jones, Motion carried.

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ITEM 4 Discussion regarding Emergency Preemption

Ryan talked about the Emergency Preemption equipment that Public Service purchased for the Fire and Police departments. We will be installing the equipment on the main intersections in town – 25 intersections and 13 designated Fire vehicles will be outfitted with completion of this project. The Fire and Police departments will maintain the system once it is in place and operational. Public Service may expand the system in the future to include other vehicles.

ITEM 5 Equipment Replacements – Street Sweepers

## Ryan talked about the need to replace one of the current sweepers, so we sent out bids. The bids that came back were very high in cost and we did not get one from Tymco, our current vendor (they did not have an authorized dealer in Iowa at the time of the bid). Ryan called the Tymco manufacturer and got direct pricing on the sweepers. The City Council has approved the purchase of 2 new sweepers for the cost of bids for 1 sweeper and, Mid – Iowa will be buying our old sweepers from us. The cost to contract the street sweeping out is $75.00/ hour and if we own the sweepers and do it, the cost is $55.00/ hour.

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 ITEM 6 Update on Resource Recovery Project

Fiberight LLC has the plant in Virginia up and operational with the US Navy and has invited us out for a visit and tour in about 3 – 4 weeks; they are converting solid waste to jet fuel. They would like to have a facility up and running by next year within Iowa. Bill said he would like to go out to see the plant in Virginia. Update the Public Service Board when a date for travel has been confirmed.

ITEM 7 Update on Wastewater Treatment Study

Ryan updated the PS Board on the history of Scott Wallace and the work he has done in Iowa and around the world. He graduated from University of Iowa in 1992 and his first project as a sophomore was built at Indian creek Nature Center, by creating a sub-surface and surface wetland. The DNR issues Discharge permits for Wetlands treatments under ground, because you are putting the discharge water back into the waterways after nature has purified the water. Ryan will go to the City Council after a feasibility study has been complete with an update.

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ITEM 8 on Property Acquisition

Ryan asked the City Council for money for the new building for Public Service, and was given the go ahead to work with the City Manager to move forward with a site plan.

ITEM 9 Old / New Business

Mark Morgan talked about the Marion School’s Industrial Arts program, if the current teacher retires there is no one to step in to replace him and the program could come to an end. The following companies partner with the school districts by supplying a mentor for their profession and help the students learn the trade of heating / AC, plumbing, and electric installation.

New Police Station will be located outside of Medco and facing Hwy 151 for a total cost of 12 million.

Corroder Project is behind schedule, but moving along.

Grainger House brick driveway is moving along, and Mark thanked Public Service for their help.

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A motion to adjourn was made at 1:05 PM by Colleen Prokop seconded by Mark Morgan, Motion was carried.

Next PBS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ryan Miller

Public Service Director

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