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**MONTEAGLE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD
MEETING**

May 19, 2008

**PRESENT: Dean Lay
Bud Knott
Marilyn Nixon
Lex Orr**

This meeting of the Monteagle Public Utility Board was called to order at 5:03 pm by Vice-Mayor Dean Lay.

The following items were discussed:

- 1. EMPLOYEE TO REPLACE ARON MAY – Mr. Boynton recommended Darrell Smith to fill this position. Ald. Orr made a motion to hire Darrell Smith to replace Aron May and that he be paid \$8.50 per hour during a probationary period of 90 days. Ald. Knott seconded the motion and it carried 4/0.**
- 2. BID AMENDMENT – It was reported that the bid package for the grinder pump system did not contain wording necessary for us to qualify for a State Revolving Fund Loan. This amendment postpones the bid opening until the bid documents can be changed to include the necessary wording.**
- 3. FEES AND RATES – There was a lengthy discussion on the rates that will be necessary in order to pay for the projects we have to do. The grinder pump system is estimated to cost between \$6500 and \$7000 per connection. New customers will pay this cost up front as a connection fee. Existing customers will pay the cost through monthly billing rates. Over the 15 year period of the loan with SRF the cost could run about \$30.00 to \$40.00 per month per customer. TDEC will review any proposed rates we decide on to see if they will cover the costs. The question arose about the proposed line to the Tennessee River and Mr. Boynton reported that he has a meeting on Thursday with Boo Bouldin to discuss the costs of this project. Ald. Lay asked about the water level at Laurel Lake and was told that it is full at this time. He said a critical part of our water management will be purchasing the 21,000,000 million gallons from Tracy City that we have a contract for. We have sent them a letter requesting to begin purchasing water. Ald. Lay said we need to continue to review our water policy every thirty days. It was reported that we can begin pumping from Lake Louisa when the level of Laurel Lake drops one foot below**

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the spillway. Ald. Knott asked if the pump has been ordered for pumping the water from Lake Louisa. Mr. Boynton said he would check on it, but he believes it has been ordered. He mentioned that we can use the diesel pump that we have if we need to start pumping before the new one arrives.

- 4. MONTEAGLE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY – It was reported that the attorneys are still discussing this.**

Oliver Jervis invited the council members to attend the Grundy County Rotary Club meeting on Wednesday, May 20th, where they have been discussing the water situation on the mountain. It is held at the Coalmont Community Center.

Ald. Lay announced that the next meeting will be Tuesday, May 27th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder