5/29/25 9:00 A.M.

Meeting Location: Utility office at 1108 W. Front St. Board Room

In attendance:

Heber Springs Water Utility Commission

Commissioner Eddington

Commissioner Holland

Commissioner Fall

Utility Manager: Paul Graham

Office Manager: Nikki Early

Additional Attendees:

Kasey Griffin, Mayor, City of Heber Springs

**-Call to order by**: Commissioner Eddington Time: 9:00 a.m.

**-Motion to Approve Previous Month’s Minutes:** Commissioner Holland made a motion to approve the reading of the previous month’s minutes, Commissioner Fall 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

**-Checks $2,000 and over:** A question was asked concerning check # 50837.

**-Bond Spending Report:** Mrs. Early updated the Commission on the bond project spending stating that there should be approximately $361,000 left in bond funds after the projects are complete. See report.

**-Manager’s/Engineering Report:**

**Office**: Meter inspection/reading program is going well. This will be done at least yearly if possible. The wholesale contracts are returned with the exception of Wilburn Water.

**Operations**: The Water Crew is replacing mains on S. 12th and 11th streets. The Sewer Crew is inspecting manholes and CCTVing mains in various basins around the city in order to determine where trouble areas are. There are 2 mains that run under the armory. CIPP pipe lining is one approach to fix the problem without having to tear up the floors of the buildings.

**WTP**: The old 1970 plant has been shut down. Elslander Electric is removing the electrical components that are no longer needed. The new plant is running well at this time. A fire suppression system for the plant building is being studied to determine costs of installing one.

**WWTP/Lift Stations**: The dumpsters for the headworks now have screens installed on the bottom of them so that they will drain water and leave only solids behind. At this time, only one transfer pump at the lagoon is able to be used due to issues with some chemical feed pumps. The contractors are working to get new pumps installed. Hawkins-Weir is developing a plan on upgrades to the existing aeration system as well as getting estimates for the replacement of 3 valves in a pump station at the plant.

**Other:** The Commission received the MOU from the Corps of Engineers and will review and make a motion next month on whether or not the utility will take over the Corps’ force sewer line. The Commission is reviewing HW’s proposal regarding a master plan, hydraulic model, and rate study, and should make a decision next month after they receive a short synapsis of the proposal. The Utility applied for the 2026 Trendsetter Award presented by the Municipal League in regard to the microfiltration plant that was recently installed. Should know results next year.

**Adjourn:** Motion by: Commissioner Holland 2nd by: Commissioner Eddington at 10:07 am to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

THE HEBER SPRINGS WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

Commissioner Burt Eddington \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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