

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY  
January 14, 2019**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Rensselaer met on January 14, 2019 in regular session in Council Chambers of City Hall. President Stephen Wood called the board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Answering roll call were: President Stephen Wood, Secretary Frieda Bretzinger; Board Members Rick Odle and Ernest Watson, Jr.; City Attorney Mike Riley; Police Sergeant Dan White; Fire Chief Kenny Haun; Project Coordinator Jerry Lockridge. Absent were Police Chief Matt Anderson, Fire Chief Kenny Haun and Street Supt. Andy Daniels.

Also in attendance were: Gas Supt. Carol Lockridge; Andrew Robarge with Commonwealth Engineers; Council Member George Cover; Council Member Scott Barton.


The minutes of the December 10, 2018 board minutes were presented and approved upon a motion by Odle and second by Watson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Commonwealth Invoice for Well #8 and Transmission Line:** Lockridge presented a bill from Commonwealth Engineers for \$3,227.97 for Construction, \$961.60 for Resident Representative and mileage and \$7.02 for mileage reimbursement and \$2,297.87 for Resident Representative. The total of the claims is \$6,494.46. Odle asked where the project was. Lockridge said next week they will be installing the pump and casing. He said Andrew will go over that in the change order. They've run into some problems with the well casing being out of line so when they tried to install the casing and pump it wouldn't work right. They had to switch the pump out for a submersible pump and put in a smaller casing. Peerless drilled the well so they're standing behind their work. They're supplying the pump and column pipe. The pump is a 6" pump so it's 2" smaller than the one specked. Lockridge said we'll still get 1,000 gallons out of it. Odle asked if it's easier to push or pull water. Robarge said it's easier to push water. Odle asked why he would use a pull well. Robarge said the previous pump was what was called a column pump and it pushes the water. The original pump would be cooled by air and this new submersible pump would be cooled by water. Odle asked what the cost difference is in the pumps. Robarge said the column pump would be given to the city for long-term storage so it could be used for a future well. The submersible pump will be paid for by Peerless. There was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to approve payments. The motion passed by majority, with Odle opposing the motion.

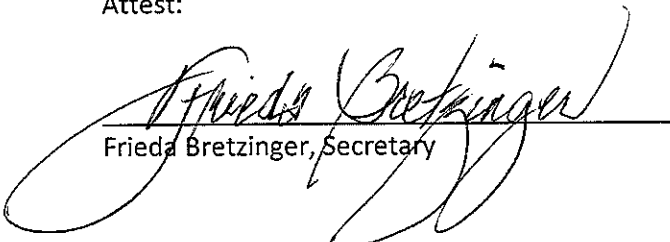
**LGS Plumbing Change Order #2 for Water Well Project:** Robarge presented Change Order #2. He explained that this well is now out of specification for the state. There is an S-bend that prevented the specified turbine pump from being installed. He said that during the drilling they may have hit fractures which would change the drilling path. He said the options given to Peerless are to install a submersible pump or drill a new well. Peerless Midwest has agreed to put in a submersible pump. The cost for Commonwealth's review of the pump and PR work will not be charged to the city. Attorney fees associated with liquidated damages and Commonwealth's time to negotiate this change order will be paid by LGS. Substantial completion was June 21, 2018. Any engineering costs regarding the negotiation of the change order will be reimbursed to the city by LGS. The new Substantial Completion will be February 28, 2019. The negotiated amount is \$26,989.75. Peerless will warranty this pump for one year and the second year will cover parts. He also asked that the city release the funds previously held for liquidated damages to LGS in the amount of \$247,159.60. Bretzinger asked if the \$26,989.75 is to be deducted from the \$247,159.60. Robarge said no so Bretzinger asked if we were to withhold it from retainage and Robarge said there's \$93,000 left on the contract and that will be deducted. Bretzinger said she was wondering why we weren't deducting this from Pay App #7 and Robarge said because the city already approved payment. Odle thinks we should get a full, two year warranty at no cost to us. He asked what the difference in price would be between the two pumps and Robarge said probably about 15%. Odle said he's not in favor of this. Wood said Peerless has stepped up to the plate and we're getting the same service that we originally should have received, plus we're getting another pump. But this is a submersible pump and it is 2" smaller. Odle asked if we have any other submersible pumps and Lockridge said we did not. Odle said we don't know the life expectancy or breakdown history. Bretzinger asked if she understood correctly that LGS has not paid all of its sub-contractors and Robarge said that was correct. Bretzinger asked how they can do that when this is a CDBG project. He said they haven't paid because they haven't been paid. Bretzinger asked if that was a legitimate excuse because we approved the payment, it just went toward liquidated damages. Odle wanted to table this until we find out if Peerless would extend the warranty. There was a motion by Watson, second by

Odle, to approve Change Order #2 contingent on the two year full warranty and allow the mayor to sign the Change Order when approved. The motion passed unanimously.

There being nothing more to come before the board, there was a motion by Wood, second by Watson, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

  
Stephen A. Wood, President

Attest:

  
Frieda Bretzinger, Secretary