Jeanne Sheehan called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Geoff Baker, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 12th, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the disbursements summary, accounts payable list, additional bills and expenses, and authorize warrants to be drawn for their payment. Approved unanimously.

Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor, presented the 3rd quarter charge-offs. A payment just before the meeting updated the total to $57,393.48. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Geoff Baker to approve the 3rd quarter charge-offs. Approved unanimously.

Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Operations Director, provided an update on the Downtown plant demolition timeline. Phase I and II of the study should get done in late December. Completion is expected by July 2018.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager and Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, presented the proposed 2018 budget. The budget committee reviewed and recommended a 1.5% rate increase for electric, 4.9% increase for water, and 0% increase for gas. In 2017 SMMPA passed on a 2.0% electric wholesale rate increase, additionally Austin Utilities has experienced higher electric load forecasts which have contributed to increased electric wholesale costs. The continuing addition of water plant assets since 2011 is one of the driving factors for the 4.9% rate increase in the water department. The other factor is the 4.2% decline in consumption in our industrial class. The gas department will not need a rate increase as the small variance from the target operating net income can be attained by implementing a small PGA if necessary. After some discussion the board agreed with the recommendation. Staff will finalize the budget and present for approval at the November meeting.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, also updated the Board on the following:
- SMMPA minutes
- T-Wave progress
- Upcoming Biometric screening and flu shots

The next Regular Board meeting was established for 4:00 pm on November 14th, 2017.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Tom Baudler to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 4:47 pm.