

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

April 27, 2022

Commission President Allwardt called the Regular Meeting of the Water and Light Commission to order at 8:01 a.m., with Commissioners Roy Kordus, Don Merkes, Antoine Tines, and Gary Turchan present on roll call. Also present were Melanie Krause, General Manager; Adam Smith, Water Utility Manager; Kristin Hubertus, Finance Manager; Paula Maurer, Customer Service Manager; Kurt Melchert, Electric Manager; Ethan Vanderpoel, Engineering Technician; and Tammy Phillips, Accounting and Administrative Assistant. Also present was Lisa Miotke, WPPI, Sr. Energy Services Manager.

Item II. No one from the Gallery requested to be heard on any topic of public concern to the Utility.

Item III. Motion made by Comm. Allwardt seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimous on roll call to approve the following:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 23, 2022.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated March 24-April 27, 2022 in the amount of \$ 4,071,761.43.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
 - Copy of April bill insert RE: Spring Donation Drive.
 - Copy of email dated March 31 from American Public Power Association RE: 2021 Certificate of Excellence in Reliability.
 - Copy of Public Service Commission of Wisconsin final decision RE: Simplified rate case.
 - Copy of PSC of Wisconsin 2021 Energy Innovation Grant Program RE: Applicants recommended for funding.
 - Copy of April 2022 MU Employee Newsletter.

Item IV. Claims Against the Utility – There were no claims discussed at this meeting.

Item V. Purchase Orders over \$10,000.00 issued since the last Commission meeting were presented for informational purposes. A revised list was distributed at the meeting.

Item VI. Unfinished Business - There was no unfinished business discussed at this meeting.

Item VII. New Business, Budget Reallocation – Staff is requesting to reallocate electric distribution funds and business operations funds.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimous on roll call to approve reallocating \$20,000 from Electric Distribution budget #13, Back Lot Rebuilds to First Street Overhead Rebuild.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt seconded by Comm. Turchan, was unanimous on roll call to approve reallocating \$1,126 from Computer budget #7 from 2021, Network Switch to Fuel Pucks for Vehicles.

Steve Grenell, Engineering Manager, arrived at 8:08 a.m.

Professional Services Agreement 2023 Mains – The agreement for project A from McMahon is for professional services which include plan review, permitting, bidding services, construction administrative services. Included was information for potential future project B.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus was unanimous on roll call to approve \$12,600 for project A, professional services from McMahon, for the 2023 water mains.

APPA Reliability Benchmarking Report – Outage information by categories, and reliability indices, are included in the reliability report. This report assists staff with evaluation of the electrical distribution system and is used as a comparison with other APPA communities.

Chemical Pricing – Staff is working with the City’s attorney regarding legality of vendor’s surcharges while a chemical consortium agreement is in effect. Commissioners directed management to wait for legal advice and report on budget overages.

Water Rate/Cost Comparisons – A water utility comparison of quarterly rates and costs to surrounding communities was presented.

Item VIII. Strategic Reports, Monthly Strategic Initiative Update – The March report was discussed.

March Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was 3.6% higher than budget, and net operating income was \$79,059 below budget.

Water usage was 2.6% lower than budget for March. The system loss ratio was at 19.43%. Net operating income was \$5,751 higher due to less overall expenses.

After discussion, the Commission accepted the March Financial and Project Status Reports as presented.

Project Reports, Electric Projects – Crews continue to work on 1st Street rebuild. A request for quotes for transformers was submitted. Updates to the GIS mapping system are in process.

Water Projects – Staff is preparing for the sanitary survey and the beginning of summer operations. The GIS system is being tested; services are being verified for LSL replacements; and work continues on the water main projects.

Item IX. No one from the Gallery requested to be heard on any topic of public concern to the Utility.

Item X. The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimously approved on roll call to adjourn at 9a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT
President

GARY TURCHAN
Secretary

NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL UNTIL ACTED UPON AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING, THEREFORE, ARE SUBJECT TO REVISION.