

## REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

May 25, 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** (telephonically), **Don Merkes**, and **Gary Turchan** present on roll call. Also present were **Melanie Krause**, General Manager; **Adam Smith**, Water Utility Manager; **Kurt Melchert**, Electric Manager; **Ethan Vanderpoel**, Engineering Technician; and **Tammy Phillips**, Accounting and Administrative Assistant.

Those excused were Steve Grenell

Commissioner Antoine Tines and Finance Manager Kristin Hubertus arrived at 8:02 a.m.

Customer Service Manager, Paula Maurer arrived at 8:06 a.m.

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. Turchan, was unanimous on roll call to approve the following:

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 27, 2022.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated April 28, 2022-May 25, 2022, in the amount of \$4,115, 919.96.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
  - Copy of MHS post prom thank you.
  - Copy of MEUW Annual Conference Award Recipients.
  - Copy of May bill insert RE: Residential Rebate Programs.
  - Copy of letter from Cru Stublely RE: Winnebago and Calumet County Boundary Agreements.
  - Copy of Customers First RE: Wisconsin's Affordable and Reliable Electricity
  - Copy of April 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.

Item VI. Unfinished Business, Water System Modeling – After discussion, it was decided that we will collect GIS data first, and then have modeling completed. We will still need to do some updates for water tower pipeline project.

Item VII. New Business, Sanitary Survey – DNR representatives were onsite in May. Initial findings are that we have a good overall operation. The final report will be issued in June.

Information on Grant Applications – The PSE power point was presented at the MEUW conference, and more information should be available later this summer.

Renewable Energy Kiosk – The first kiosk was deployed at the Barlow Planetarium and is still in the developmental stages. More data/analytics are required before kiosks are available at other locations.

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

April Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was up by 1million kwh, and net operating income was lower than budget due to higher purchase power expense.

Water usage was lower than budget due to the resale and industrial customers using less. Leak detection continues due to a high loss ratio. New rates will be effective June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Project Reports, Electric Projects – Replacement lights for Koslo Park have been ordered. Crews continue to work on meter change outs. Work has begun on a transformer basement replacement and wiring at the Tayco Street substation.

Water Projects – Crews continue to work on leak detection. Meter replacements are on hold due to modules not being available. Racine Street main work is completed, and crews are finishing up the 8<sup>th</sup> Street project. We continue to work with vendors on chemical pricing.

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. Turchan, was unanimously approved on roll call to adjourn at 8:41 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT  
President

GARY TURCHAN  
Secretary