

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

October 5, 2022

Commission President Allwardt called the Special Meeting of the Water and Light Commission to order at 8:00 a.m., with Commissioners Roy Kordus, Don Merkes, and Gary Turchan present on roll call. Also present were Melanie Krause, General Manager; Adam Smith, Water Utility Manager; Kristin Hubertus, Finance Manager; Steve Grenell, Engineering Manager (telephonically); Kurt Melchert, Electric Manager; Ethan Vanderpoel, Engineering Technician; and Tammy Phillips, Accounting and Administrative Assistant.

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

Comm. Tines arrived at 8:05 a.m.

Item III. New business, Strategic Plan & 2023 Electric, Water, Telecommunications, & Energy Services Budget Review & Approval. The Strategic Plan, which contains updates and an outline of the accomplishments during 2022 was discussed.

The 2023 Electric Utility financial report reflects a budget of 519,407,650 kWh. The average cost of power is set at \$75.63, which is a slight increase over 2022 projected year end costs. Payroll costs reflect what was approved in September, and a 20% increase in health insurance costs.

Paula Maurer, Customer Service Manager, arrived at 8:07 a.m.

The 2023 Water Utility financial report was based on water consumption calculated using a 3-year average, considering water consumption changes due to the pandemic, and is based on 509,698,000 gallons. Higher costs are based on increases in maintenance costs, supply chain costs, chemical costs, sewer user fees, and lab testing fees. Cash reserves and the rate of return will be monitored to determine the timing and need of a rate case for both electric and water.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Turchan to accept the 2023 Strategic Plan and Budget as presented was unanimously approved on roll call.

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

Item V. The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimously approved on roll call to adjourn at 9:12 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT  
President

GARY TURCHAN  
Secretary