

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

June 28, 2023

Commission President Allwardt called the Regular Meeting of the Water and Light Commission to order at 8:00 a.m., with Commissioners Roy Kordus, Don Merkes, Antoine Tines, and Gary Turchan (telephonically) present on roll call. Also present were Melanie Krause, General Manager; Adam Smith, Water Utility Manager; Kristin Hubertus, Finance Manager; Steve Grenell, Engineering Manager; 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.

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 May 24, 2023.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated May 25-June 28, 2023 in the amount of \$6,258,281.75.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
 - Copy of Letter from PSC of WI, RE: LSL Replacement Program
 - Copy of Letter from PSC of WI, RE: Electric Billing Audit
 - Copy of News Release, RE: 2023-24 MU/WPPI Scholarship Winners
 - Copy of 2022 Annual CCR Report
 - Copy of MU June Newsletter

Paula Maurer, Customer Service Manager, joined the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

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. Purchase Order #11080, for 2024 Electric Meters was added due to long lead times.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimous on roll call to accept Purchase Order#11080 for \$155,650 for 2024 Electric Meters.

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

Item VII. New Business, SCADA Update was advanced for discussion. Engineering and Operations staff presented a powerpoint of the SCADA Project and the work that was completed. Crews completed the job in 5 days and under budget.

Out of State Travel. Staff is recommending one person travelling to Phoenix, AZ August 20-22 to represent The Utility at the 2023 Smart Utility Summit.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimous on roll call to approve staff travelling to Smart Utility Summit in August.

MEUW Honor Award Recipients – The Charlie Bradburn Pillars of Public Power Award was presented to Mark Allwardt-35 years, Don Merkes-15 years, and Roy Kordus-10 years.

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

May Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was 9.3% lower than budget, due to a large industrial customer outage. Cost of power was 16.4% lower, and net income was higher due to the net effect of lower revenues and lower cost of power.

Water consumption was higher than budget by 9.4%. Supply expenses are higher and water treatment costs were lower than budget. Net income was higher than budget by \$80,499, due to higher revenues and lower transmission and distributions expenses.

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

Project Reports, Electric Projects – Crews are working on Woodland Lakes Cottages, Lakeshore Ridge Apartments, 9th St., and the 7th St. Overhead rebuild. The SCADA upgrade has been completed.

Water Projects – AMI 1.5” water meters were purchased from Shorewood. The water tower piping and painting project has been approved and is being scheduled. Work on the 2023 water main replacement project continues.

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 8:59 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT
President

GARY TURCHAN
Secretary