

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

August 23, 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, and Gary Turchan present on roll call. Also present were Melanie Krause, General Manager; Adam Smith, Water Utility Manager; Steve Grenell, Engineering Manager; and Tammy Phillips, Accounting and Administrative Assistant. Also present were Lisa Miotke, WPPI Energy Services Manager, and Heather Andrew from Power Systems Engineering.

Those excused were: Antoine Tines, Kristin Hubertus, Kurt Melchert, and Ethan Vanderpoel

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 July 26, 2023.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated July 27, 2023-August 23, 2023, in the amount of \$4,548,176.30.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
 - Copy of Focus on Free Energy Savings
 - Copy of WI DNR Letter RE: Water Main Plan and Spec Approval
 - Copy of WI DNR Letter RE: Water System Facilities Plan and Spec Approval
 - Copy of MEUW 95th Anniversary Celebration Agenda
 - Copy of MU August Newsletter

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

Item V. The purchase order for \$75,680.00 for 2024 water meters was presented.

The motion made by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Turchan, was unanimous on roll call to approve the purchase order for 2024 water meters.

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

Item VII. New Business, Electric Long-Range Plan. Heather Andrew from Power Systems Engineering presented historical information, EV, and Distribution Energy Resources forecast information. This information was used to evaluate substation and transformer loading and system reliability.

Heather Andrew left the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

WPPI Energy Emissions Reduction. Staff presented information from Tim Noeldner, Senior VP of Power Supply for WPPI, regarding CO₂ emissions compared to peer utilities in Wisconsin.

CVMIC Liability Renewal. Premium options were presented for a 2-year renewal package.

The motion made by Comm. Kordus, seconded by Comm. Allwardt, was unanimous on roll call to proceed with renewing the current 2-year liability policy.

Technology Plan Update. AMI metering is behind due to the pandemic and backordered supplies. The data model for electric distribution is finished. Data is being collected for water distribution. Tayco SCADA upgrade is completed. A new SCADA server for water is needed. iPads and laptops were purchased for Electric and Water Departments. The new CIVIC Accounting System has been installed and implemented.

GIS Personnel. Staff is recommending hiring a full-time GIS employee in 2024.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimous on roll call to hire a full-time GIS employee in 2024.

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

July Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was lower than budget. Expenses and cost of power were lower, and net operating income was lower due to higher distribution expenses.

Water consumption was higher than budget by 3.8%. Chemical costs were higher due to the lack of rain, and net operating income was higher for July due to lower operating expenses.

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

Project Reports, Electric Projects – The 7th Street overhead rebuild continues. Crews are working on the second phase of Lakeshore Ridge Apartments, as well as new service installs.

Water Projects – The water tower piping/painting project will start on September 11th. A new fire and security panel was installed, and the pipe replacement for the pump station was completed. Crews continue to work on 2023 water main replacements and maintenance items.

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 10:04 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT
President

GARY TURCHAN
Secretary