

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

June 26, 2024

Commission President Allwardt called the Regular Meeting of the Water and Light Commission to order at 8:00 a.m., with Commissioners Roy Kordus, Austin Hammond, 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; Paula Maurer, Customer Service Manager; and Tammy Phillips, Accounting and Administrative Assistant. Also present was Lisa Miotke, WPPI Sr. Energy Services Manager.

Those excused were: Kurt Melchert, Electric Manager and Commissioner Antoine Tines

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 22, 2024.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated May 23 – June 26, 2024 in the amount of \$4,464,698.94.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
 - Copy of 2023 Water Quality Report
 - Copy of 2024-25 MU/WPPI Scholarship Awards
 - Copy of WE Energies 2024 Boundary Agreement for Calumet and Winnebago Counties
 - Copy of PSC Notice of Proceeding for Electric Rate Increase
 - Copy of PSC Final Decision on Water Rate Increase
 - Copy of Agenda for MEUW 94th Annual Conference
 - Copy of Customer Email Thank-You
 - Copy of MHS Post Prom Thank-You
 - Copy of MU June Scavenger Hunt
 - Copy of MU June 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 – There was no unfinished business discussed at this meeting.

Item VII. New Business, Adam Smith and Kurt Melchert are requesting permission to travel to the Smart Water Summit in August and the Smart Utility Summit in Charlotte Harbor, FL. in September.

The motion made by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Hammond, was unanimous on roll call to approve the out of state travel for Adam Smith and Kurt Melchert.

Data from the Energy Assistance Support Email program, sponsored by WPPI, was presented.

Adam Smith gave a Powerpoint presentation on backwash and filter bed maintenance.

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

May Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was lower than budget by 1.73%, cost of power was lower by 8.2%, and net operating income was higher than budget due to lower operating expenses.

Water usage was higher than budget by 9.4%, and net operating income was higher than budget by \$69,807 due to higher revenues and lower transmission, administrative, and distribution costs. The system loss ratio for May is 8.1%

Telecommunications net operating income was lower in May due to the fiber tracing project and replacement of a failed fiber enclosure.

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

Project Reports, Electric Projects – Crews replaced four disconnects at substations, pole inspections and replacements are ongoing, the water plant network segregation continues, as well as documentation of existing fiber and meter replacements.

Water Projects – Additional customer LSL’s were discovered when doing meter exchanges, large meter testing and hydrant flushing continues. Crews are working on exercising valves and replacing broken ones, and work on the Racine St. water main replacement is finishing up.

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 9:00 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT
President

GARY TURCHAN
Secretary