

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

July 24, 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, Antoine Tines, and Gary Turchan present on roll call. Also present were Melanie Krause (telephonically), General Manager; Adam Smith, Water Utility Manager; Kristin Hubertus, Finance Manager; Kurt Melchert, Electric Manager; and Tammy Phillips, Accounting and Administrative Assistant. Also present was Lisa Miotke, WPPI Sr. Energy Services Manager.

Those excused were: Steve Grenell, Engineering Manager and Paula Maurer, Customer Service Manager

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 June 26, 2024.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated June 27, 2024 – July 24, 2024 in the amount of \$4,640,114.23.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
 - Copy of Thank-You from Ryan Johnson, 2024-25 MU Scholarship Winner
 - Copy of MU July 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, McMahon Agreement for Office Building – Two prints of the office building remodel were presented for informational purposes. Bid packets will be sent out prior to the annual budget meeting in October.

Racine Street Road Project Status Update – The City provided an update on the status of the Racine Street Road project to address resident complaints and give a timeline for completion.

Item VII. New Business, 2025 Strategic Plan, Budget, and Planning Schedule – A budget planning schedule was presented for informational purposes.

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

June Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was lower than budget by 8%, cost of power was lower by 14.1%, pass-through rates were lower than budget, and net operating income was negative due to the variance between revenues and cost of power.

Water usage was higher than budget by 37%, revenues were higher and expenses were lower, making net operating income higher than budget by \$211,718. The water plant produced 4.995 million gallons in a single day, the highest since July 2019, and a total of almost 68 million gallons for the month.

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

Project Reports, Electric Projects – Work continues on the Water Street and Racine Street rebuilds, the Mathewson Street overhead rebuild project has begun, the CP-3 customer conversion project is completed, and crews are working on bad pole replacements.

Water Projects – The Racine Street water main project, large meter testing, and water plant painting are complete, a valve on DePere and 11th Street was replaced, a VFD drive was purchased, and 3 customer side LSL’s were replaced.

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 8:31 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT
President

GARY TURCHAN
Secretary