

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

August 28, 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 (telephonically), 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; Kurt Melchert, Electric 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: Commissioner Austin Hammond

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 July 24, 2024.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated July 24, 2024 – August 28, 2024 in the amount of \$7,972,016.13.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
 - Copy of 2024 Dividend Report from CVMIC
 - Copy of Focus on Energy Free Energy Packs
 - Copy of MU August 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, Long-Range Electric Plan. Staff is requesting more time to provide the Commission with a detailed twenty-year capital plan, to be completed in 2025.

Item VII. New Business, Social Media Communication. Staff presented statistics regarding customer interaction with the Menasha Utilities Facebook page, created in 2013.

Substation/Electric Distribution Budget Reallocation. Staff is recommending reallocating \$15,000 from Electric Distribution budget #11, Jefferson Park to #10, Northside T2-3 Transformer Foundation.

The motion by Comm.Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimously approved on roll call to reallocate the \$15,000.

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

July Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was down 4.6% for the month, cost of power was 11% lower, and net operating income is higher by \$32,203 due to the difference between lower revenues and cost of power.

Water usage was higher by 18.8%, chemical costs were 7% lower than 2023, operating expenses were lower, and net operating income was higher by \$149,885 due to higher revenues and less operating expenses.

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

Project Reports, Electric Projects – Work was completed on the Mathewson Street overhead rebuild, 10 bad poles found during inspections were replaced, 3 new large pad mount transformers were received, and crews continue to work on the Northside Substation foundation replacement.

Water Projects – The exterior painting of the diesel room was completed, sludge scrapers gearbox and motor repairs were completed, and work continues on the GIS asset locating.

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 8:33 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT
President

GARY TURCHAN
Secretary