

REGULAR MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

September 25, 2024

Commission President Allwardt (telephonically) 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 (telephonically), and Gary Turchan present on roll call. Also present were Melanie Krause, General 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.

Those excused were: Adam Smith, Water Utility 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 August 28, 2024.
- B. Approve and warrant the following payments dated August 28, 2024 – September 25, 2024 in the amount of \$1,425,192.99.
- C. Correspondence as listed:
 - Copy of Public Power Week Announcement Sent to Customers
 - Copy of Thank-You from City to National night Out Volunteers
 - Copy of Letter from DNR RE: Water main and Spec Approval
 - Copy of MU New Customer Guide
 - 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, There was no unfinished business discussed at this meeting..

Item VII. New Business, Election of Commission officers. The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus was unanimously approved on roll call to elect Commissioner Allwardt as Commission President, Commissioner Kordus as Commission Vice-President, and Commissioner Turchan as Commission Secretary.

2024 Technology Plan Update. All AMI meter installs scheduled through 2023 have been completed, crews have started on 2024 routes, and data collection on overhead assets continues. Interactive maps and apps for customers reporting street light outages has been completed, new servers to support the ESRI mapping environment have been installed, and four Juniper switches that were at end of life were replaced.

Jefferson Park Quotes. After discussion, staff has decided to reject the quotes at this time and revisit the project at a later date.

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

August Financial and Project Status Reports – Electric consumption was down 4.4% for the month, cost of power was 4.8% lower, and net operating income was lower, due to the difference between revenues and higher expenses.

Water usage was lower by 2.3%, chemical costs were higher due to lake water quality, operating expenses were higher, and net operating income was higher than budget by \$39,147, due to the rate increase in June.

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

Project Reports, Electric Projects – Crews continued work on replacing bad poles and the Northside foundation repair, new bushings were received for Northside substation, new services were installed, and engineering continues on the Office Complex remodel project. Applications are being received for an Apprentice or Journeyman Lineman due to a retirement.

Water Projects – A 24” mag meter was purchased for the north HLPS pipe replacement project and work continues on GIS asset locating. Interviews are beginning for the Water Distribution Foreman position due to a retirement.

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. Hammond, was unanimously approved on roll call to adjourn at 8:36 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT
President

GARY TURCHAN
Secretary