

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION

October 2, 2024

Commission President Allwardt called the Special Meeting of the Water and Light Commission to order at 8:00 a.m., with Commissioners Roy Kordus, Antoine Tines, and Gary Turchan present on roll call. Also present were Melanie Krause, General Manager; Adam Smith, Water Utility Manager; Kristin Hubertus, Finance Manager; Kurt Melchert, Electric Manager; and Tammy Phillips, Accounting and Administrative Assistant.

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. New business, Strategic Plan & 2025 Electric, Water, Telecommunications, & Energy Services Budget Review & Approval. The Strategic Plan, which contains updates and an outline of the accomplishments during 2024 was discussed.

Commissioner Austin Hammond joined the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

The 2025 Electric Utility financial report reflects a budget of 490,995,946 kWh. The average cost of power is set at \$74.14, which is a 7% increase over 2024 projected year end costs. Payroll costs reflect a 3.5% cost of living increase, merit/step increases, a 3-month transition for a retirement, filling the open technician position, and a 12% increase in health insurance costs after employee contribution.

The 2025 Water Utility financial report was based on water consumption calculated using a 3-year average, considering water consumption changes, and is based on 541,471,000 gallons. Higher water treatment costs are based on increases in maintenance costs, supply chain costs, chemical costs, sewer user fees, and lab testing fees. A rate case of 21.2% was factored in for the year.

The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus to accept the 2025 Strategic Plan and Budget as presented was unanimously approved on roll call.

Item IV. No one from the Gallery requested to be heard on any topic of public concern to the Utility.

Item V. The motion by Comm. Allwardt, seconded by Comm. Kordus, was unanimously approved on roll call to adjourn at 9:22 a.m.

By: MARK L. ALLWARDT  
President

GARY TURCHAN  
Secretary