

Regular Meeting of the Water Works and Lighting Commission
Wednesday, July 13, 2022

There were present:

Commissioner Jay Bemke
Commissioner John Harper
Commissioner Tom Nowak
Commissioner Rick Merdan

Also in attendance: Jem Brown by telephone, Roxanne Gronski, Matt Stormoen, Todd Weiler, Jeff Kuhn, Josh Elliott, Dale Scheunemann, Adam Breunig, Lynn Schroer, Shawn Reimer, Tyler Sneen and Sean Wall

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Nowak called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. Commissioner John Bergin was excused from today's meeting.

2. Approval, additions or corrections to the minutes of the following meeting

2.1 Regular Commission Meeting held June 8, 2022

There was a motion made by John Harper, seconded by Jay Bemke, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on June 8, 2022, and to place them on file. There were no nay votes recorded.

3. Action items

3.1 Filter Plant Electrical Equipment

Todd Weiler explained that part of a 2023 filter plant project would be to relocate some of the more sensitive electrical equipment into a new electrical room to protect it from chlorine. Todd stated that he is requesting that the Commission approve a portion of the funding for this project early since some of the equipment has a delivery time of 55-70 weeks.

After discussion, there is a motion made by John Harper, seconded by Jay Bemke and carried to approve \$55,000 for the purchase/order of the filter plant electrical equipment. No nay votes were recorded.

3.2 Well #3 Cleaning

Dale Scheunemann explained that while operating the large pump at Well#3 we noticed the pump showed a reduced flow. After investigating it appears that the 5-foot tailpipe has come off the pump bowls causing a loss of 5 feet of water level. This requires us to no longer use the large pump in this well and the need to pull the large pump to assess the possible damage if any and to replace the tail piece. With the demand that will be required of this well during the raw water relining project it would be advantageous to clean the well prior. This is unexpected and was not in the 2022 budget. Two of the companies we contacted were not able to fit this cleaning into their schedule and declined to bid. Water Well Solutions who were already scheduled to clean Well 2 stated that they would be able to clean Well 3 prior to cleaning Well 2. The additional cost is \$180,000.

There is a motion made by John Harper, seconded by Rick Merdan, and carried to approve \$180,000 for Water Well Solutions to clean Well 3. No nay votes were recorded.

3.3 Discuss commission meeting schedule

After discussion, there was a motion made by John Harper, seconded by Jay Bemke, and carried to hold the regular monthly commission meetings at 2:00PM on the second Wednesday of each month. No nay votes were recorded.

4.0 Department updates

4.1 Safety Committee Report

The commissioners reviewed the safety coordinator's monthly report. Sean Wall stated that during the summer months he conducts onsite visits to ensure that all safety practices are followed and that all safety trainings are being implemented.

4.2 Line Superintendent's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Josh Elliott answered questions regarding the number of trouble slips, work orders and call-ins for June. The commissioners stated that they heard several comments on the great work done by our electric crews restoring power after the storm that went through last month.

4.3 Water Department Operations Report

This report was reviewed and June water projects were discussed. WW&LC

received PSC and WDNR approval concerning the Raw Water Lining Project over the past 2 weeks. The construction schedule is approximately 45 days and should begin in September. A high usage concern at the Aquatics Center was discussed and answered by the Customer Service Manager. Dale also addressed questions regarding the recent issues with the high iron content in the City's drinking water.

4.4 Customer Support Supervisor's Report

This report was reviewed and current electric disconnections were discussed. Lynn Schroer stated that a considerable amount of time has been spent in preparation for the upcoming Transportation Utility Charge that WW&LC will be billing for the City with an implementation date of July 27th.

4.5 Director of Finance's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Jeff Kuhn stated that lead times are increasing on delivery of essential utility materials and the need to order items sooner than expected.

4.6 Information System's Administrator's Report

This report was reviewed and cyber security was discussed.

4.7 Conservation Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Shawn Reimer stated that this is an extremely busy time of the year for Focus on Energy with increased air conditioning demands and costs.

4.8 Electrical Engineer's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Tyler Sneen stated that we are continuing to investigate the cause of the problems we are having with the filter plant high service pump 7.

4.9 Director of Engineering & Electric Operations

This report was reviewed and Todd Weiler stated that we reached a new summer peak of 55.83MW's on June 21st at 5PM and stated that the electrical system handled this additional load well with very little problems. Todd also stated that our line crews did an exceptional job restoring power to approximately 900 customers after the June 15th storm.

4.10 General Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and was discussed. Jem Brown stated that GLU will be negotiating exclusively on the development of a 75-100 mW solar project.

5. Review of accounts payables

A listing of all invoices and checks covering June was provided to the commission for review.

6. Adjourn

There was a motion made by Jay Bemke, seconded by Rick Merdan, and carried to adjourn at 1:35 PM. No nay votes were recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Merdan, Secretary