

Regular Meeting of the Water Works and Lighting Commission
Wednesday, August 10, 2022

There were present:

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

Also in attendance: Jem Brown, Roxanne Gronski, Jeff Kuhn, Josh Elliott, Dale Scheunemann, Adam Breunig, Tyler Sneen, and Lynn Schroer

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Nowak called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

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

2.1 Regular Commission Meeting held July 13, 2022

There was a motion made by John Harper, seconded by Rick Merdan, and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting held on July 13, 2022, and to place them on file. There were no nay votes recorded.

3. Action items

There were no actions items.

4.0 Department updates

4.1 Safety Committee Report

The commissioners reviewed the July safety committee meeting minutes and the safety coordinator's monthly report.

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 July.

4.3 Water Department Operations Report

This report was reviewed and July water projects were discussed. Adam Breunig answered questions regarding the raw water main project.

4.4 Customer Support Supervisor's Report

This report was reviewed and current electric disconnections were discussed. The commissioners commented on the great job on collection efforts and Lynn Schroer stated that 90-day arrears is possibly the lowest it's ever been.

4.5 Director of Finance's Report

This report was reviewed and the financial statements were discussed. Jeff Kuhn stated that we are not seeing any relief in the cost of wholesale power.

4.6 Information System's Administrator's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Matt Stormoen is still waiting on parts to complete the network hardware replacement project and for cameras and switches for the water towers project.

4.7 Conservation Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed.

4.8 Electrical Engineer's Report

This report was reviewed and discussed. Tyler Sneen outlined the steps that were taken to resolve our recent recloser issues.

4.9 Director of Engineering & Electric Operations

This report was reviewed and discussed. In Todd's absence Josh Elliott explained the 15kV bus failure at the West WR substation. Josh also answered questions regarding the West Grand Avenue decorative lighting poles that are being primed and painting due to a rusting issue. These lights were installed prior to when Todd started. At that time the City did not have a lighting specification, and because of this, the low bid received the order. In this case, the poles are made from cast iron instead of aluminum, and do not hold up well to the salt that attacks them in the winter. While performing the work, it was noticed that where the pole meets the base, it is rusting through at an alarming rate. Because of this, we are also having a band welded to this area to strengthen it. Painting and repairing these fixtures is still much more cost effective than replacing them and hopefully these latest repairs will allow them to last for many years to come.

4.10 General Manager's Report

This report was reviewed and was discussed. Jem Brown stated that GLU released an RFQ to interested parties and the proposals are due back next week. The RFQ seeks interested parties to provide administrative, operational, and power supply planning services for GLU.

5. Review of accounts payables

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

6. Adjourn

There was a motion made by John Bergin, seconded by Rick Merdan, and carried to adjourn at 2:27 PM. No nay votes were recorded.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Merdan, Secretary