



APPROVED

UTILITIES COMMISSION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2015, 7:15 A.M.
Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.
Large Conference Room

Members Present: D. Everhart, D. Grumman, D. Lanyon, M. White
Members Absent: M. Landis, J. Nieuwsma, E. Rosenberg
Staff Present: K. Jensen, A. Price, D. Stoneback
Guests Present: S. Kismohr, R. Shure, M. Smith
Presiding Member: D. Lanyon

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum being present, Chair Lanyon called the meeting to order at 7:26 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 9, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. White moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 9, 2015 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Everhart. A voice vote was taken and the January 9, 2015 minutes were unanimously approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS

- a. **Forthcoming Utilities Department activities**
There were no announcements or communications.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Work Plan Item 1.1 Update on development of a building energy efficiency white paper and update on status of city database**

Mr. Grumman said that he attended the Environment Board meeting on January 12th, where the Energy Benchmarking White Paper was before the Board. He said that the Environment Board asked a few questions about the White Paper took a voice vote and unanimously approved their support of it. He said that the Environment Board was welcomed to attend the March 16th Council meeting to voice their support of the White Paper.

Mr. Kismohr of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (MEEA) provided a revised slide show presentation on benchmarking and building energy tracking for existing commercial and large residential buildings for the Commission to present to the city council with the White Paper at the March 16th City Council meeting. The Commission proposed that Mr. Kismohr make some additional changes to the presentation. Mr. Kismohr agreed to do so and said he would have the presentation ready to share with the Commission next week. Chair Lanyon said that he will draft a memo to go along with the presentation and the White Paper, and provide a run-through of the presentation at the March 13th Commission meeting before it goes to Council on March 16th.

- b. Work Plan Item 2.1 Investigate the potential for water conservation and wastewater reuse in city-owned buildings update – Status of draft report on water conservation at five city facilities**
No action was taken.

- c. Work Plan Item 2.3 Develop long term needs for municipal sewer and water infrastructure – Mr. Stoneback will present the status of the recommended five-year plan and projects for the 2015 budget**
Mr. Stoneback said that the City Council accepted staff's recommendation for Alternative C, Replace 1934 Clearwell near Existing Footprint, for the Finished Water Reservoir Improvement project. He said that the RFP to hire an engineer to rehabilitate clearwells 1 & 2 is complete, recommendation to Council is expected in April, and the clearwell work will be completed by the end of the year. He noted that the design for the reservoir will take some time because he will need to talk with Northwestern University about their project schedule.

- d. Dusk-to-Dawn Street Lighting – Status of efforts to select circuits for testing**
Mr. Stoneback said that Mr. Batara provided him with ComEd's report of the lighting changes that the city has made, but he noticed that none of the changes were actually listed on the report. Mr. Batara said that the changes would be re-entered and the report would be ready next month.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Recent Electric System Outages, Basement Flooding Concerns and Water Service Interruptions, and status of 2014 improvement projects**

Mr. Stoneback reported the following:

There were no unscheduled power outages in January.

There were nine water main breaks in January. He noted that two of the breaks were on South Boulevard, which makes a total of five breaks now so it has jumped to the top of the water main replacement list for 2016.

There were three permits obtained for water service repairs in January.

The AMI Replacement Program is complete except for the customer portal configuration. He said that the final information is currently being loaded and the portal should be finished by February 17th. Bids were received from eight bidders for the Standpipe Painting & Repair project but none complied with the Local Employment Program Ordinance. Therefore, he will be meeting with the Purchasing Department this afternoon about the bid specifications. The Chlorine Equipment Replacement project is almost complete, and the Plant Reliability Improvements project is coming up next, with plans to hire an engineer in the 1st quarter of the year and award the project in the 4th quarter.

- b. Status of negotiations with potential new wholesale water customers**
No action was taken.

- c. **Community-wide Water Conservation Initiative – Ideas on development of a city water use efficiency policy for city buildings**
No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Inactive task: Work plan item 1.2 Develop a plan to reduce energy consumption at the water treatment plant – Item complete pending pump replacement schedule**
- b. **Inactive task: Work plan item 1.3 Develop a baseline for energy consumption in municipal buildings update – Status of energy consumption database update and update of the Aukman report**
- c. **Inactive task: Work plan item 2.2 Reduce the amount of stormwater entering the combined sewers in sandy subsoil areas of the City – Item complete pending the annual report of the Director of Public Works on the Complete and Green Network Approach for Construction Projects in the Public Right of Way**
- d. **Inactive task: Work plan item 2.4 Evaluate the potential impact of pending USEPA sewer/water regulations on the sewer system and water treatment plant**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Discussion of Draft Annual Report**
Mr. Everhart moved to approve the Draft Annual Report as submitted, seconded by Mr. Grumman. A voice vote was taken and the Draft Annual Report was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Price
Executive Secretary
Utilities Department