

Utility Commission Meeting
Monday, August 4, 2025
6:00 PM at Utility Office Building

Members Present: Robert Affeld, Ross Canniff, Doug Lee, Bart Coons, Dick Evans, Mayor Wegener, Nick Gahlman, Alex Smudde

Members Absent: none

Also Present: Laurie Runyan

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and roll call was taken. Motion by Canniff/Coons to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- II. Motion by Coons/Lee to approve the minutes from the previous meetings. Motion by carried 5-0.
- III. Public Appearances/Comment.
 1. Jake Oelke from WPPI Energy. Presentation: The Power to Thrive.
- IV. Monthly Business:
 - A. Approve Vouchers and Checks. Motion by Canniff /Coons to approve payment of WPPI Invoice for \$346,164.98 and checks of \$409,121.95. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Review Prior Month Income Statement.
 - C. Council Acts Affecting Utility. *None*
 - D. Consumption Loss.
 - E. Review Totals of Delinquent Customers. 5 disconnects in July; all are back on.
- V. Report of Officials:
 - A. Utility Accountant

New carpet is installed. Received a letter from the PSC which states that our Water dept is eligible for a Simplified Rate Case for water rates.
 - B. Electric Superintendent
 1. Discuss and possibly approve roofing contract. Our building had damage from the tornado, insurance adjuster approved BRH's quote for doing the south side of the building; Nick thought it's best to do the whole roof at the same time, got quote from BRH for \$12,301.40 for the north side of the roof. Motion by Coons/Evans to approve having the whole roof replaced, with the utility paying \$12,301.40 for the north side of the roof. Motion carried 5-0.
 2. Discuss and possibly approve painting contract. After having the carpet replaced, we saw that the walls needed painting. Mayor added that building remodeling was done in 2002, nothing has been done since then. Got a quote from Jim Wilde for painting the conference room and kitchen for \$1,500, and the lobby and 2 offices for \$1,100. Motion by Evens/Lee to approve Jim Wilde to do the painting at quoted prices. Motion carried 5-0.
 3. Projects Update. Fair St underground is energized, 90% of overhead is down, will be pulling poles next week. Need to be 90% completed on the ATC job by 8/31; J&R Underground had completed their work, went smooth until ATC's FAA permit was denied, because of height restriction we had to go underground for 3 sections; underground pipe installed, wire pulled, need to set 2 poles; we will be 100% complete on ATC job by 8/31. On 7/23 at 6:43pm, we had a power outage at Depot and E Oak due to extreme heat causing transformer to fail, power restored by 8:45pm. Replaced the transformer at Dodge County Admin building, it was rusting out, were able to downsize from 1000kV to 500kV transformer. At the new Plaza, pipe is installed, service is set up, waiting on 2 poles to be delivered, will be about 1 month. On E Oak Grove

road project, we're taking down 2 poles and having to remove 1 footing, too close to the storm sewer.

C. Water/Wastewater Superintendent

1. Review, discuss and possibly approve WWTP Change Order #9. Motion by Coons/Canniff to approve Change Order #9 for a total credit of \$47,388.00. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Projects Update. WWTP upgrade: Installed new main entry sign today; Had issues with plumbing, new water softener system not working, Culligan and Staab's plumber got it fixed; only minor punch list items are left to do. E Oak Grove construction project: Had one water lateral stub-out abandoned, excavating 2 full-depth repairs down to the water main, have 9 more to do, our dept is doing the work; Mayor stated the importance of getting the compaction right. Sensient is sending substantial loadings to the WWTP, up to 450,000 gallons in 1 day, in accordance with the new load limits allowed with the upgrade. The new flow meter was installed for Sensient. Had a meeting with Woodstream, they're trying to save on sewer costs, they say they're paying about \$1,500/mo on water not going to sewer, we have no way of knowing what their wastewater flow is, and can't test what they're discharging to us; we had 2 violations with DNR because of Woodstream; they will research ways to meter their flow. Completed last of lead and copper water sampling, if results are in acceptable range we will no longer be required to provide lead public education materials. Brian Bussan started July 8th, catching on nicely with daily tasks. Aqualis jetted and televised about 10,000' of pipe, finding very little wrong; will be rehabbing some manholes. While on vacation, Peggy, Troy and Brian did a good job; my wife is pregnant so I'll be taking extended time off in October. Special meeting for interviewing engineering firms for the DNR required project will be on August 20th at 6pm.

VI. President: 1. Discuss and possibly approve Utility wage adjustments and changes approved at Utility Personnel meeting on Tuesday, July 29th. Motion by Coons/Canniff to approve wages as approved in the personal meeting on Tuesday, July 29th. Motion carried 5-0.

VII. Mayoral Comments: Nothing to report.

VIII. Old Business: none

VI. New Business: none

Motion by Coons/Lee to adjourn meeting at 8:01 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes recorded by: Laurie Runyan