

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2016

Approved

Call to Order @ 5:00 pm by Madden, Utility Commission President

Roll Call: Lindemann, Lange, Madden and Eno. Also Kuester, Lind, Saemisch and Steward and Krause. Campfield excused

Eno/Lindemann motion to approve minutes. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Electric Superintendent Report:

Dave Krause report on system study. – Drew a diagram of the electrical system on the board. If there is a problem in the switchgear then the system cannot function. Switchgear should be maintained every 5 years. West half and northern part of City would be handled by the Fairbanks generator if there is a power outage. There is one transformer and if it goes out then the Fairbanks may not be able to handle the load. Study recognizes code opportunities for maintenance. Poles should be tested every 10-15 years. No records that it has been done here, so recommending pole testing. Recommendation to create connections between lines so that breakers can be maintained without outages. Recommends getting all the lines on 12kV. We will have the opportunity to buy the substation if Dairyland moves to a new substation in the Town of Plymouth (Brown property). Electric Utility will benefit from owning and using this substation. Possible floater transformer out there through Dairyland Power – need to find out.

Kuester reported – not done with trees so took 3 more down. Kwik Trip line is dead. Pole needs to come out and then that is done. New power going to customer on Ackermann.

Water Report:

Lind reported – good water report. SCADA computer at Well 4 is up and running. Tom from CTW came in to look at our wells and will be looking into stuff for us. Dave had questions for him. Park and Commons are open. Pool repairs will not happen until the 1st of June. Should be able to fill by the 6th.

Wastewater Report:

Saemisch reported – had B&M look at lift stations. Last time it was Electric Pump contracted and didn't go well. B&M found issues that should have been caught before and now have repaired them.

Looking at relining certain areas. Doing 2 years' worth of work at one time will save on mobilization costs. South Brooklyn to the wastewater plant is one area. Other area is Academy Street. 6-inch part may have to be dug up and replaced. There are price breaks for that. If we schedule in coordination with Mauston will save us another \$2,000 and is using HyrdoKlean. This will help eliminate the cleaning out of roots in the line.

Lindemann/Lange motion to accept B&M to install our used pump or their new pump. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Lange motion to accept B&M to repair the lift stations. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Eno motion to postpone contingent on Mauston making a decision and the entire Utility Commission in on the discussion and action. All ayes. Carried.

Admin Report:

Update on WITN letter from Boardman Clark.

Discussion and possible action on purchase of property at 104 Huston Street. Steward and Kuester brought up the building and its potential uses.

Lindemann/Eno motion to approve resolution to purchase property at 104 Huston Street. All ayes. Carried.

Bills:

Lange/Eno motion to approve bills. All ayes. Carried.

Lindemann/Eno motion to adjourn at 6:12 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator / Utility Manager