

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2013

Approved

Call to Order @ 5:30 pm by Joe Madden, Utility Commission President

Roll Call. Krueger, Campfield, Eno, Lange and Madden. Also Brown, Collins, Rinderer, and Jim Garvin.

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

Public Comment: Krueger asked Collins about the digging that took place behind City Hall recently. Collins stated they were looking for a leak.

Lengthy discussion among commission members and Rinderer regarding tree trimming. Rinderer stated that he doesn't have the time or the proper equipment to handle tree trimming and that is why they used an outside source this year. Rinderer stated most utilities have a tree trimming policy.

Electric Superintendent Report:

Rinderer reported on his written communications. Work is continuing at the school. He is still waiting on easements before proceeding with projects. There was some discussion on the requirement of an easement to maintain lines/equipment per PSC rules.

Sewer/Water Report:

Discussion on water system study by Town & Country Engineering. A breaker tripped in the control panel at the Wastewater plant.

Preliminary 2014 budgets were presented for each department with minimal questions asked. Rinderer noted that he was hoping to move forward with some electric projects in 2014 and use money previously set aside for these projects. Collins noted an increase in water revenue due to a rate increase for 2014. Water still incurring expenses related to the well project. Water would like to be able to look in to purchasing another vehicle. Sewer has seen increased expenses in 2013 however some of these expenses were funded by the sewer replacement account. Campfield questioned why amounts were budgeted for in labor expense accounts but not being used. Brown explained due to the payroll procedure expenses aren't allocated until year end audit.

Bills for payment:

Eno/Lange approved the bills as presented. All ayes. Carried.

No other communications.

Kruger/Campfield motion to adjourn at 6:35 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Carole Brown
Utility Clerk