

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2017

approved

Call to Order @ 5:00 pm by Roger Campfield, Utility Commission Secretary

Roll Call: Campfield, Eno and Lange, and Lindemann at 5:15. Madden absent. Plus Steward, Kuester and Lind.

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

Public Comment:

None

Electric Superintendent Report:

Fairbanks getting a new heater as are the Cats.

Dairyland was asking if we would like to purchase the substation. Oakdale is moving out of the substation and Dairyland will establish a price. Kuester is working with Dave Krause on this project.

Purchased a nitrogen tank to help keep moisture out of the power transfer.

Christmas lights down, and will work with a committee for new lights and less lights. Go from Elroy Street to the bridge by Kwik Trip rather than the entire strip. Concern over putting up lights at the curve on Main Street by Lincoln Avenue.

Campfield received a complaint that some of the lights are not bright enough in certain areas and in certain weather conditions.

Pole inventory is back. Majority of danger poles on Ackerman. Considering going underground on Ackerman to eliminate the need for poles.

Consider increasing the pole rental for Comantenna and for Centurylink.

E3 has a punch list left to do. Plus Kuester has asked them about additional lights. We are waiting on a quote.

Discussion on rate mitigation and what to do with the rate mitigation money. Kuester and Steward

Lange/Eno Motion to send money back to the rate mitigation. All ayes. Carried.

Water Report:

Lind gave his report. Extra samples in by end of year. Getting ready for auditors.

Campfield would like to have more input on the hiring of staff. Didn't like the way Jim was hired without Commission approval. Campfield would like to know who is being hired. Steward suggested one member of the Commission on the hiring committee and then the hiring group makes the recommendation to the full Commission to ratify the decision.

Water main break on Grove in December, very rocky.

Wastewater Report:

Saemisch not attending but report in the packet.

Steward brought up WPDES and contested case update.

Commission will stipulate on the contested case process. Lindemann/Lange motion to resolve the contested case. All ayes. Carried.

Admin Report:

Audit coming up. PSC will conducting an electric audit.

Bills:

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

Commission Communication

None

Eno/Lange motion to adjourn at 6:15 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Mark Steward
City Administrator / Utility Manager