

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2014

Approved

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

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

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

Public Comment: None

Electric Superintendent Report:

His report was written and in the packet.

Brunner is looking at an expansion on their lower plant. It could potentially add 384 kW of load to the system. They want to add an 800 amp service. They had a breaker trip and Rinderer put monitoring devices on the transformers. Rinderer got a quote for a new transformer for Brunner.

Water and Sewer Superintendent – Collins report:

Well #4 had some project delays due to camera issues. They will use bentonite in the lowest 5 to 10 feet of the well, and then they will cap the bottom off with concrete and bring the pump up 60-ft. They will do a brush cleaning of the well and then a chemical cleaning of the well, then use of chlorine to continue to treat the water. We might do the chlorine treatment in well #3 also.

There will be extra cost for the brush cleaning and the City received the change order. Will add \$1400 to the project.

Water main breaks – 4 lateral saddles fail and 14 lateral thaws. The department has been very busy. Collins feels we will still have freezing and breaks in the near future. All work has been done by staff. Herbeck's have come in with the hydraulic hammer to get through the frost. Six feet of frost.

There have been problems with the SCADA system at the new well (#4). LW Allen has been working on fixing the circuit board and computer of the SCADA system.

City Administrator Report

Discussion on refinancing Sewer Debt. Steward presented refinancing options and taking extra money for projects. Steward will present the refinancing to the Common Council tonight. The refinance will be a revenue bond through the Royal Bank with assistance from Ehlers and Quarles & Brady.

Steward will be trying to organize a Baraboo Rivers Dischargers Group to study the Baraboo River and its water quality to establish a reasonable phosphorus limit.

Clean Waters – Healthy Economy Bill has not been signed by the Governor yet but is the phosphorus bill that is supported by our community and the organizations that we are members of, so it is a good bill that we hope the Governor signs. It changes the phosphorus limits and gives more options to the discharger.

A geotechnical report on the CDBG-PF 2014 projects is in the packet. Advertising for bids has started.

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

Commission Communication:

None from the Commissioners.

Steward reported on his meeting with Brunner and their plans for expansion. They are looking at adding approximately 5,000 square feet to their lower plant.

Dairyland Power does not offer time of day monitoring, so we cannot offer it.

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

Mark Steward
City Administrator