

## Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2014

*Approved*

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

Roll Call. Lange, Eno, Madden and Campfield. Also Mark Saemisch, Lind, Mark Steward, Garvin, Stanek

Campfield/Lange motion to approve minutes from last meeting. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:

None

Electric Superintendent Report:

Provided in writing in the packet prior to the meeting.

Garvin had a comment from farmers driving through the City about the power lines being too low in certain areas. Garvin will pin down the locations and will report back to Steward and he will report to Rinderer and then report to Commission.

Sewer and Water Superintendent Report

Clarifier has been put off until Spring. Clarifier transmission is down and Saemisch is working with PERS to get a temporary transmission.

We are no longer taking Monroe County landfill sludge due to the toxicity of the material. Saemisch talked to Kleinschmidt and Kleinschmidt suggests that Monroe County Landfill do an analysis on their product. Saemisch talked to Monroe County about testing their waste.

Lind is changing out meters and working on cross connections.

Steward reported on the letter from the PSC about thawing of laterals.

Discussion on DPW and staffing in the water and sewer department.

David Gruen was offered the position and after many days of negotiation and discussions he turned us down to remain with Kendall. Steward asked the Commission if they want to follow plan b and have then two staff members set up as operator's-in-charge and hire in behind them.

Maintenance wise they are behind, they are behind on other work due to the lack of another staff member and the work that piled up while working on the water main project and the UV issues at the sewer plant. The guys are working every other weekend right now until another person is hired.

Garvin asked where we would post the job. Steward responded with the professional associations and universities and tech colleges. Need someone good at math and good with mechanical skills and interested in getting certified. The person will have to cross trained in City General (Streets) too.

Eno/Campfield motion to advertise the helper/technician job and see what we get. All ayes. Carried.

Steward reported that the Council will appoint somebody to replace Larry Krueger on the Council and then on the Utility Commission.

Bills

Campfield asked about the Bobcat.

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

Commission Communications:

Campfield asked Steward if there was anything else to report. Steward reported that Allen Steele is working on a sewer and water project on Brooklyn behind Brunner. The project is close to being done, just a water service and blacktop for the Spring.

Campfield/Eno motion to adjourn @ 6:05 pm. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mark Steward  
City Administrator