

## UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING

February 21, 2012

APPROVED

Utility Commission President Mark Stanek called meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Members present:** Brandt, Campfield, Krueger and Stanek. Eno is absent.

**Members absent:** None

**Others present:** Mark Steward City Administrator, Bill Collins Water/Wastewater Superintendent, Craig Rinderer Electric Superintendent, Sandy Myhre, Alderperson, Jim Garvin, Alderperson, Sharon Knuth, Mayor, Jill Mendum, Alderperson, Bill Jefferson, Attorney.

Call to Order @ 5:30 pm.

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes – Campfield/Krueger. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment (5 min. limit): None

Letter of Intent Rugby Wind Project

Rinderer explained the wind project. Similar to Cashton-Green project but larger. This is a new opportunity that came up and will allow us to purchase wind energy up to 20% of our consumption. This will meet our renewable energy requirements. This will also save the Utility money. If all works out, we will sign a purchase agreement in conjunction with UMMPA. This is just a letter of intent and does not commit the Utility to anything, but starts the process towards a purchase agreement. UMMPA is looking at buy-in from their membership before proceeding.

Rinderer and Steward informed the Commission about the Dairyland Power contract settlement which would cost the utility \$55,000 in 2012 which was not budgeted for to balance out a credit reversal.

Garvin mentioned that an escape clause would be handy in this agreement so we are not locked in for so long if things change.

Brandt/Campfield to sign letter of intent. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Replacement Recaps & Rims for Vac Truck Proposals

Collins is looking at new wheels, rims and recaps for the vacuum truck. Collins got quotes from Hartje and Hillsboro Coop. Commission would like to have Collins investigate a few other places. Krueger/Brandt accept the Hartje's quote of \$2,288.40, unless Deganhardt comes in lower with their quote for recaps and rims. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Floor Coating Proposals

Collins explained that the floors need to be sprayed and cleaned then coated. Collins has been doing it for years. An 1/8 – inch epoxy coating will be put on the floor. About 1200 square feet will be treated, and the proposal includes a warranty. Collins stated there is about \$70,000 in replacement account and \$20,000 in maintenance account that could be used for this item. Garvin will make a call to his connections to see if there are other options out there to do this work. Will look at this at next months meeting.

Budget Amendments 2012

Steward explained the changes to the 2012 budget. Mostly based on changes to the Personnel budget with the contract of the apprentice. Brandt/Campfield to accept the budget as amended. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

Budget Amendments 2011

Steward explained the 2011 budget and the good and bad. Well project and 21% increase from Dairyland power increased expenditures. Overall the budget is good. Campfield/Brandt to approve 2011 budget amendments. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

#### Approve Bills for Payment

Rinderer asked about the Tyler Technology payment and the Vierbicher payment. Tyler is software and Vierbicher is for the Powerhouse Floodproofing and is reimbursable through CDBG. Stanek asked about the rubber glove testing line. Rinderer clarified. Brandt/Campfield to approve bills as presented. Roll call. All ayes. Carried.

#### Commission Communications

Collins is looking to replace a truck because it is rusting out. Collins got quotes to remove rust and repaint. The lowest bid was \$650 and the 2004 truck should be touched up on both sides, plus new mud flaps.

Rinderer provided a written report with the agenda. Rinderer believes the cooling tower will be around \$20,000.

Steward gave a rundown of the timeline for the well project. March or April will be the bid award timeframe with the Utility Commission action.

Brandt/Campfield to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Steward  
City Administrator*