

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10, 2018

Approved

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

Roll Call: Campfield, Eno, Lindemann, Lange, Mendum Others: Kuester, Saemisch, Lind, Brown, Skowronski, Stanek

Lange/Eno motion to approve minutes from 06/12/2018. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment: None

Water Department Report

Report—Lind presented his report. Water has been installed in cattle barns at Fairgrounds. Presentation of tapping saddles to highlight the issues that have been found on Academy Street and why replacement was necessary. Discussion of detour.

Wastewater Department Report:

Report— Saemisch presented his report. Plant running well with the exception of one aerator. Outside source steady. Discussion on underground electric bids. Discussion on quotes for truck and check valves. Discussion on Baxter Woodman. Discussion on phosphorus. Economic variance is still not formally accepted. Waiting on formal response from the DNR.

Check Valves: Tabled until next meeting.

Waste Water Underground Electric: Tabled to allow time for more information and bids on above ground electric install.

Waste Water Truck: Discussion on Bids from Rudig Jensen and State. Discussion on accessories.

Lindemann/Lange motion to approve the purchase of Dodge Ram 1500 on State Bid for \$23,635.00. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried

Electric Superintendent Report

Report—Kuester presented his report. August 31 Urge Test. Brunner needs working on their Capacitor Bank. Kuester informed board it would be a liability for city to assist with work on customer equipment. Kuester will deenergize if needed. Waiting on affidavit for riser in Plymouth Township. N. Limits Rd. will need a new junction box. IGA will need a new used transformer. Transformer near pool will need replaced, possibly this year.

Electric Rate Increase: Potential 9 percent rate increase. Mendum\Lange motion to approve rate increase through the PSC. Roll Call. All Ayes. Carried

Discussion on list of electric projects that may need financing. Previously approved Peaker Project for \$223,000.00. Discussion on financing Peaker Project with additional projects such as Breakers, Panels, and Substation Ehlers has offered options for financing of \$500,000.00. City Administrator presented information on a General Obligation Loan; Electric Department would make payments on the General Obligation Loan. Other options would include Royal Bank. Other possibilities discussed were lowering borrowing to \$400,000.00 to include 50 percent of Brooklyn, Breakers, Interface and Dollar General. No action taken.

Administrator Report:

Report—Brown presented report. Discussion on budget timeline. Capital Improvement plans need to be updated. Both rate cases have been submitted. Approval from PSC for 3 percent water rate increase will go into place on August 24, 2018.

Bills:

Mendum/Lange motion to approve bills as presented. Roll Call. All ayes. Carried.

Commission Communication: None

Eno/Lindemann motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm. All ayes. Carried.

Geena Skowronski
Utility Clerk