

Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

March 13, 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, Garvin, Mayor Stanek, Eric/OneEnergy

Lange/Eno motion to approve minutes from 2/20/18. All ayes. Carried.

Public Comment:None

Eric from OneEnergy presented report on interconnection costs for solar project. Solar panel costs have increased 30% due to tariffs. Interconnection costs estimated around \$200,000. They would like to break ground late June.

Lindemann/Eno to approve offer of interconnection agreement with OneEnergy for \$50,000 interest free loan to be repaid over 7 years.

Lindemann/Lange to have Peaker troubleshoot Fairbanks engine. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion regarding Hwy. 80/82 Community Sensitive Design and decorative street lights. It was decided that the electric department would not pursue this due to other expenses.

Discussion regarding preliminary funding for the Academy Street financing. Ehlers will be attending the Council meeting at 7:00pm. UC invited to attend.

Electric Superintendent Report:

Report – Kuester presented his report. White Construction in town working for Centurylink. Walker Stainless has a pole that needs to be changed out.

Water Department Report

Report – Lind presented his report. Weger Road is having issues with a valve box due to well#4 pressure. MSA will be looking at options.

Wastewater Department Report:

Report – Saemisch presented report. Will be speaking at sludge haulers event on March 23rd. No answer on economic variance. No news on phosphorous.

Administrator Report:

Report – Brown presented report. Still working on Public Benefits refunds per PSC audit. Still working on electric rate case with Johnson Block. Department heads to work on capital improvement plans, policies, procedures.

Commission Communication:

Consider options for covering the Benson Fruit sign that is on the electric building.

Bills:

Eno/Lange motion to approve bills as presented. All ayes. Carried.

Eno/Mendum motion to adjourn. All ayes. Carried.