

Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

08.10.2021

Approved

Call to Order: 5:00 by Mendum

Roll Call: Campfield, Lindemann, Lange, Mendum, Stanek Other: Kuester, Lind, Brown, Sparling

Stanek/Lange Approval of Minutes. All Ayes.

Public Comment: None

Water Report- Lind presented report. All water tests good. Leak testing looked good with Rural Water. Information on leak near Tim Hamburg's. Also, have a leak on 2nd Main near 210 2nd Main. Pool was inspected recently; we need to put a self-closing latch on the Baby Pool. We are down a raw sewage pump at wastewater plant—pump #1. Quotes will be discussed. Discussion on current pump#1 being rebuilt and would be used as a spare.

Discussion and possible action on pump replacement.

Lindemann/Lange Motion to purchase new pump from Crane in amount of 15,378.00. Roll Call. All Ayes

Electric Report- Kuester presented report. Dave Krause was here working on issues with generating while Solar Field is up and going. UMMEG has hired Dave Krause to look at 4 sites to have a better understanding of why each site cannot generate while solar field is up and running. While here Dave Krause noticed hairline crack on stepdown transformer bushing. Discussion on transformers and ordering ahead with wait times. Discussion on Wisconsin Surplus Auction. Outage during storm. 3 people we out with the outage from storm. No one called about outage until next morning.

Discussion and possible action on tree trimming quote. Discussion on Zieleis Tree Service Quote for cleaning up the line near Pickering's to Gamedinger's and clean up Ackermann Rd and taking down a couple trees on N. Brooklyn. Budget for trees this year is 15,000. We will be over budget with this quote.

Stanek/Campfield Motion to approve Zielies quote for tree trimming as discussed. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Discussion and possible action on Johnson Block Electric and Water Utility Rate Case Study. We are not currently meeting debt requirements as presented by Johnson Block at Audit Report. PSC is out about 6-9 months. We have projects coming up that will need to be looked at. Estimate for Electric 8,000 -12,000 and for Water 6,000-8,000 for rate case study.

Lindemann/Lange Motion to approve engagement letter for electric and water rate case with Johnson and Block. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Discussion on 2022 Budget. Handout is simply preliminary and estimates. Individual meetings with department heads will begin soon. Health insurance unknown currently. Electric debt will be looking at bucket truck. Maintenance and project expenses could be included in debt. Discussion on TID #3 Expenses. Further discussion on items carried over in budget. Discussion on grant possibilities that align with capital improvement plans.

Admin report- Brown presented report. Closing on final homes on Lake St, bidding to follow. Closing on Kimball to take place in August. Streambank project to start soon. Trail project will be awarded to Gerke and will start soon. Gundersen Clinic thinking about do groundbreaking on September 10-11. The pool has changed hours and will be limited due to staffing. Commons will only be open on the weekends and will close in October. Safety report in packet.

Discussion on monthly reports included in packet.

Lange/Campfield Motion to approve bills. Roll Call. All Ayes.

Commission Communication:

Lindemann/Lange motion to adjourn. All Ayes.

Geena Skowronski
Utility Clerk