

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2016

CWL Commission President Poser called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Commissioners present: Poser, Lang, Sanderson, Melotte and Andler. Excused Robbins and Crombie. Also present at the meeting was CWL Sup't. Anthon

It was reported that the City Clerk, as required by appropriate Wisconsin Statutes, had given proper public notice of the meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved on a motion by Lang, seconded by Sanderson.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: A request for donation was included in this month's packet from the Columbus School District Endowment (CSDE). Anthon noted that last year the CWL Commission gave the CSDE \$100. Motion by Melotte, second by Andler, to donate \$100 to the CSDE Color Run, motion passed. The Commission also reviewed the thank-you note from the American Red Cross for the bill insert that CWL ran for them recently.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the February 11th CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and Outage Report was approved on a motion from Lang, seconded by Melotte.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

2016 CWL Borrowing/Bonding Discussion: The Commission reviewed the most recent Financing plan from Ehlers Associates. This plan included two scenarios; the first analyzed a borrowing term for the water and electric department at 10 years each; the second analyzed borrowing terms of 10 years for the electric department and 20 years for the water department. The Commission decided that option # 2 gave them the most flexibility for the water department by allowing for a quicker repayment of the bonds if, the Water utility is in a strong cash position or the option of borrowing additional funds as future water projects are decided. Next, the Commission reviewed the amount of borrowing for the upcoming projects. Anthon provided figures for the 2016 Water Main Project and the 2017 James Street Project that totaled \$3,724,528. The breakdown of funds by department for the proposed borrowing would be \$2,700,000 for the Water Department and \$1,050,000 for the Electric Department. Motion by Melotte, second by Lang, to proceed with MRBs having a 10 year payback schedule for the electric department and a 20 year payback schedule for the water department, in the amount of \$3,750,000 motion passed. The Commission directed Anthon to have Ehlers Associates prepare the necessary Revenue Mortgage Bonds in the amount of \$3,750,000 pending City of Columbus, Common Council approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the February Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 18345-18407 and 29 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$1,128,256.32. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 44 requests totaling \$189,937.06. Motion by Sanderson, second by Melotte, to approve paying the 44 requests from the AP Report. The February cost per kilowatt-hour was \$0.07879. Reports were approved and placed on file.

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Review and Approve 2016 Street and Utility Project Water Main Bids: The Commission reviewed the three bids for the 2016 Street and Utility Project. A-1 Excavating was the low bidder on the project at \$2,588,461. Motion by Lang, second by Sanderson, to approve A-1 Excavating as the contractor for the water main portion of this project.

Repair of 10" Water Main Valve on HWY 16 West: Anthon explained that a 10" water main valve was not functioning properly in front of the Columbus West Travel Center. Wondra Construction provided Anthon with hourly costs to replace the water main valve. Anthon anticipates approximately \$2,000 in charges from Wondra to replace the 10" water main valve.

Review 2015 Sales and Statistics: Anthon reviewed the 2015 Annual Sales Statistics noting the following; kWh purchases from WPPI increased 2.22% in comparison to 2014, the cost per kWh has increased 6.48% in comparison to 2010, electric demand increased 2.73% in comparison to 2014, water sales decreased 4.48% in comparison to 2010 and water revenue increased by 0.49% compared to 2014.

WRWA Technical Conference Notification: The agenda for the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual WRWA Technical Conference was distributed at the CWL Commission meeting this month. Anthon asked if any CWL Commissioners were interested in attending the conference and if so, they should contact Anthon he would take care of registering them accordingly.

**REPORTS:**

Financial Report was given by Sup't. Anthon and placed on file.

Mayor Comments: The Mayor was excused from this month's meeting. President Poser asked Alderman/Commissioner Melotte to report on his recent trip to Washington D.C. for the APPA Legislative Rally. Melotte reported that Wisconsin had the largest contingent of members at the APPA Rally. Melotte also explained the issues that APPA was lobbying for including Tax Exempt Financing for Municipalities, Clean Power Plan Reliability Concerns and Cyber Security.

Superintendent's Report:

- On Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Crombie, CA Vander Sanden and Anthon attended the MEUW/WRWA Legislative Rally in Madison. After having a briefing session on the issues (AB 432 - sale of Muni Water systems; et.al.) at the Monona Terrace we went to the Capital to speak with our legislators and representatives.
- CWL Foreman Joe Hammer will be attending the APPA E&O Conference April 3-6 in Minneapolis, MN as a result of applying for a scholarship from WPPI. The E&O Conference will be a great opportunity for Joe to get ideas from other Municipal Utilities and vendors from throughout the country.

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- On Friday, February 12th, CWL was alerted to a water main break in the 600 block of Hamilton Street. The main repair was completed by 2:30 pm. This is the third water main break that CWL has had to date in 2016.
- As of February 29th, 1,077 Elster electric meters have been installed on CWL's system. CWL's crew will begin installation of the remaining meters on Monday, March 14th. The crew is anticipating that the meter installation should be finished up in early May.
- CWL's Linecrew finished the final terminations on the riser pole located on the corner of Main and James Street on Thursday, March 3rd. This circuit was constructed to supply power to the West James Street area and provide another means of tying substation 2 and 3 together. CWL's linecrew will now begin transferring overhead electrical services to circuit #202.
- CWL is still awaiting final plans and specs on the new site of the Ford Dealership. From what Anthon has been told, the project should begin in the early spring.
- A pre-construction meeting for CWL's James Street underground boring project has been set for Tuesday, March 15th with JR Underground, Charter and AT&T.
- R&R Construction gave Anthon a verbal quote of \$1,500 to repair the roof on the garage area that was damaged on Christmas Eve Day 2015 due to high winds.

Motion by Sanderson, second by Mellotte to adjourn at 5:21pm.

**\*\*Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm at Columbus Water & Light\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,

Rolf Lang  
CWL Commission Secretary