

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 18, 2021

CWL Commission President Lang called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Lang, Andler, Olson, Mayor Thom, and Schulze. Also, present at the meeting was CWL Lead Lineman David Koenig, Co-Superintendent Hammer and Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg. Excused Adams

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 Olson, second by Thom. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Included in the packet was a 'Thank you' note from the American Red Cross and an article "How the Texas power grid failed and what could stop it from happening again" by CNBC.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the February 18th CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and the Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Andler, second by Olson. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the February Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22004-22036 and 32 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$765,309.31. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 30 requests totaling \$98,0556.88. Motion by Olson, second by Andler, to approve paying the 30 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Schulze aye, Thom aye, Andler aye, Lang aye and Olson aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Renewable Energy Rider Tariff Recommended Changes: CWL participates in the WPPI membership's shared Choose Renewable program. The Commission can approve the recommended changes to reduce participation costs and make discounted pricing more accessible for the customers. Motion made by Thom, seconded by Andler to approve the presented recommended changes to the Renewable Energy Rider Tariff. Motion carried. Lang abstained.

New Load Market Pricing Tariff Recommended Changes: WPPI recommends that each member with an NLMP service schedule update it to include improvements recently approved by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin that will make the NLMP rate more accessible for large customers. Motion made by Olson, seconded by Andler to approve the presented recommended changes to the New Load Market Pricing (NLMP) Service. Motion carried.

Farnham Street Water Main Relay: In 2022, Hwy 89 will be reconstructed from Park Ave to just south of Avalon Rd. Water main will be replaced from 1129 Farnham St to 1501 Farnham St. thereby eliminating some "post war" pipe that has been an issue for years. In the last 2 years, CWL has had 3 major water leaks on the 10" main from 1501 Farnham St. to Avalon Rd. that is only 21 years old. Through talking with people in the water industry, CWL found that water main from the 1999 era had deterioration problems. Co-Sup't Hammer has talked with Jason & Andy of Ruckert & Mielke about this water main situation and replacement of that section. The project estimate is \$215,000. Ruckert & Mielke put together Task Order 2021-CWL01 for the 2021 STH 89/Farnham Street Water Main Replacement. A motion was made by Andler, seconded by Thom to approve Task

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Order 2021-CWL01 for the 2021 STH 89/Farnham Street Water Main Replacement for \$21,813.00. Motion carried.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Donation: The Mayor sent an email stating that Matt Schreiber and him started pulling together material to present the EV charging station project to the City Council. He is requesting that CWL would be willing to partner by considering an in-kind donation of time and materials required to have the specified power ready for the installers; which CWL agreed to do.

REPORTS:

Financial Report was given by Co-Sup't Kaltenberg and placed on file.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Thom reported that he has been working with Matt Schreiber on the electric vehicle charging station. He stated that the CDA approved donation \$2,000 and that the tourism committee meets next week. He is hoping him and Matt can final the project numbers and donations.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- On March 2nd, at the City Council meeting; the City Council did not approve the City Transportation Utility.
- On March 2nd, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a conference call with Stephanie and Alex from WPPI as part of the utilization review follow up discussion. CWL implemented and trained on "Promise to Pay Funds". This will allow any CWL staff member to add the customer promised funds to the customer's account in NorthStar and then this will allow any staff to view at any time.
- On March 3rd, Co-Sup't Hammer and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a Microsoft Teams Meeting with Andy Burt and Brian Toczyski from Ruckert & Mielke to discuss the options for the Farnham Water Repair. Co-Sup't Hammer will present the information at the March 18th Commission Meeting.
- On March 9th, Co-Sup't Hammer and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a Microsoft Teams Meeting with Jacob Tully from Ruckert & Mielke to discuss some GIS training opportunities for 2021, as well as identifying some areas in our site that could be improved.
- Due to COVID-19 and based on member feedback, MEUW's annual operations conference is being staged as an open-air vendor show with select speakers, equipment demonstrations and a lot of networking on April 29th at the Sauk County Fairgrounds, Baraboo WI. The 2021 "Electric Operations Expo" is being held in partnership with the Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association (WECA) and Wisconsin Utility Suppliers Association (WUSA). Personnel from cooperative and municipal utilities have been invited to take part.
- CWL's crew is unable to progress on the AMI Water Meter Project. There is a lead time of 12 weeks for meter back plates. Estimated ship date is March 23rd. To date, 2,225 of 2,337 water meters have been converted to AMI.

Co-Superintendent Hammer's Report

The CWL crew has been working on the following for the past 4 weeks;

Tree trimming

Open Point – Field Work

Assist WWTP as needed.

Address water leaks on Sturges St

Jake attended a PFAS webinar with Joe
LEAD/CU Sampling

Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;
WP 1 & WP 2 Painting & Maintenance
Open Point – Field / System Inventory

Motion by Schulze, second by Olson to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.

****Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, April 15th, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light****

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler
CWL Commission Secretary