

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 17, 2021

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

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 Andler. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Included in the packet was a summary of the current typical bill comparison for Columbus. It compares the utility's current electric rates to comparable rates of the investor-owned utilities for standard usage of residential, commercial and large power/industrial customers. Jodi Dobson, CPA Partner, from Baker Tilly presented and reviewed the 2020 audit report.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the May 20th CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and the Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Olson, second by Motiff. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Advocacy Campaign for PFAS Testing: Co-Sup't Hammer found that Wisconsin has two labs that can test for PFAS. He was also informed by CWL's DNR Water Engineer, Sophia Stevenson, that the DNR is looking at selecting "sites" throughout Wisconsin to sample for PFAS, and that funding would be available to cover the costs. She will keep him updated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the May Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22124-22162 and 36 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$757,900.17. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 34 requests totaling \$85,740.83. Motion by Arnold, second by Andler, to approve paying the 34 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Schulze aye, Lang aye, Andler aye, Motiff aye, Arnold aye and Olson aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Farnham Street Water Main Relay Bids: Bid process was advertised on May 29th and June 5th. Bid opening was June 16th at 1:00 p.m. The bid recommendation to be awarded to Wood Sewer & Excavating Inc. for \$280,979.25. Motion by Olson, second by Arnold to approve the recommendation that the bid for the Farnham Street (STH89) Water Main Replacement be awarded to Wood Sewer & Excavating, Inc. for \$280,979.25. Roll call vote, Olson aye, Andler aye, Motiff aye, Arnold aye, Lang aye and Schulze aye. Motion carried.

Salt/Brine Tank Repairs at Water Plant #1: Co-Sup't Hammer explained that years ago the salt tanks were covered at Water Plant #1, with the intent of protecting the tanks from the elements. This proved to be a disastrous decision. It has had the opposite effect and the salt tanks are deteriorating substantially. He contacted Staab Construction who does concrete repairs and was quoted from \$275,000 to \$300,000. He also contacted August Winter and Sons which are quoting a fiberglass reinforced plastic or XLPE-cross linked polyethylene above ground tank system. He has not received that quote yet. Once he received that quote he will bring this topic back to the Commission.

REPORTS:

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

Mayor Comments: The Mayor had no comments this evening.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- On May 21st, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg attended the WPPI Board of Directors Meeting. The agenda included the Financial Report, Power Supply Report, Emission Reduction Targets Discussion, Service & Business Strategy Report and Legal & Government Relations Report.
- On May 25th, Co-Sup't attended the second session of the Joint Action Leadership Certification entitled About WPPI. This session included: power supply overview, support services overview, advocacy and government relations.
- On June 7th, Accounting Clerk Koenig-Fry and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg worked with Jill Frank from OpenPoint on inventory accounts. On June 10th, Co-Sup't Hammer, Lead Lineman Koenig, Accounting Clerk Koenig-Fry and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg did an OpenPoint Web Walk-Thru with Jill.
- On Friday June 11th, Lead Lineman Koenig and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg met with Bruce Beth and Eric Anthon from Forster Engineering and John Taylor from Terminal Andrea to discuss the equipment purchases and electrical installation services needed from Terminal Andrea.
- CWL's crew is progressing on the AMI Water Meter Project. To date, 2,250 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;

Open Point – Field Work

Farnham St conversion work

General electric maintenance in various locations throughout city

Parkview Cr. Apartments, - conversion

Electric SCADA – Install mule tape in conduit from Admin to Sub 3

Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;

Electric SCADA – Conduit installation within Sub 2

Farnham St conversion work

Parkview Cr. Apartments, Faith Dr., Hillside Ln, Tower Dr. – conversion work

Motion by Andler, second by Schulze to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler
CWL Commission Secretary