

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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 Basten. Also, present at the meeting was Bruce Beth from Forester Electrical Engineering, CWL Lead Lineman David Koenig, Co-Superintendent Hammer and Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg. Excused Motiff.

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 Basten. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Bruce Beth from Forster Electrical Engineering presented an updated proposal to the Electric System Study.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the July 15th CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and the Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Schulze, second by Arnold. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the July Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22203-22249 and 39 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$955,442.21. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 39 requests totaling \$421,425.39. Motion by Olson, second by Andler, to approve paying the 39 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Andler aye, Arnold aye, Lang aye, Olson aye, Schulze aye and Basten aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

2022 CWL Budget Discussion: A very rough 'DRAFT' spreadsheet that outlines the 'Plant Additions' that are needed for each of the Utilities in 2022 was reviewed. In the past, 'plant additions' were added if, there were adequate funds for the additions during the fiscal year that they were planned. Also, Co-Supt. Kaltenberg and Co-Sup't Hammer are still waiting on budget numbers for some items.

WPPI Annual Meeting Notice: Co-Sup't Kaltenberg shared WPPI's Annual Meeting Notice. The Annual meeting is scheduled for September 16th at The Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee. If anyone is interested in attending can contact either Co-Sup't Kaltenberg or Co-Sup't Hammer.

REPORTS:

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

Mayor Comments: The Mayor reported that she is learning a great deal and appreciates the good job everyone is doing.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- On July 16th, Co-Sup't Hammer and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg attended the WPPI Energy Business Plan-Member Input Meeting at Waupun Utilities. WPPI is beginning to develop the next business plan (2022-2026) and, as a member-led, member-driven organization, wants member input early and often throughout the process. CWL joined the neighboring utility managers for a small-group, in-person discussion about the membership's priorities for the next five years. Mike Peters and other senior staff members were also in attendance.

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- On July 30th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg started working with Michael Laesch-Vice President-Business Development and Client Relations for Civic Systems on putting a quote together for CWL to switch software. In 2023 CWL's current Dynamics software will no longer have any more upgrades and by 2025 it will no longer be supported. WPPI members currently using Dynamics are switching over to the Civic Systems.
- On Thursday, August 5th, Billing Clerk Vicky Lietha, Account Clerk Koenig-Fry and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a conference call with Stephanie Boettcher, business Solutions Analyst from WPPI to review billing journals and billing statistics and to check-in on credit control items following the first couple round of disconnects and DPAs.
- On Thursday, August 5th, Co-Sup't Hammer, Water Operator Tanner and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a preconstruction meeting with Brian Toczyski-Project Engineer from Ruekert Mielke, Greg Strayer from Ferguson, Jeremy Dorsey and Jeromy Phillips from Wood Sewer and Excavating to go over the Farnham Street (STH 89) Water Main Replacement project, the project time line and answer any questions that remained. The Project is to start August 10th.
- CWL's crew is progressing on the AMI Water Meter Project. To date, 2,272 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;

Electric SCADA
Completed Faith, Tower, Hillside Conversion
Parkview Cr. Apartments, - conversion
Private LSL Replacements
Jake Boness – Apprentice School
Jake Tanner – Hwy 89 Water main Relay Pre-Con
Create temp access for admin while blacktop work is done.

Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;

Farnham St conversion work
Parkview Cr. Apartments conversion work
Private LSL Replacements – CWL side

Motion by Olson, second by Schulze to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

****Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, September 23rd, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light****

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler
CWL Commission Secretary