



Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

President Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

The following members were present: Michael Thom, Joe Hammer, Lori Koenig-Frye, Brook Andler, Molly Finkler, and Jack Sanderson. Sandy Curtis was an excused absence.

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was noted as posted.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Sanderson to approve the agenda. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Koenig-Frye to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

1. Approval of the June 18th and July 2nd Utility Commission Minutes.
2. Approve Utility Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report.

New Business

3. Annual Election of Commission Officers.
Motion by Hammer, seconded by Andler to approve Michael Thom as President, Sandy Curtis as Vice President, and Jack Sanderson as Secretary. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
4. Recognizing Mason Mosher for completion of the Electric Line Worker Apprenticeship Program.
Director Randy Myrum recognized the work by Mason Mosher to complete the apprentice program and become a Journeyman Lineworker. Assistant Director Dalton Hiley spoke of Mason's work for the Utility and presented him with a plaque.
5. WPPI Energy Member Contract Extension presentation by WPPI Energy CEO Mike Peters.
Director Randy Myrum introduced Mike Peters, CEO of WPPI. Mike provided an overview of a proposed contract extension between the Utility and WPPI.

Convene to Closed Session

6. Convene to closed session per § 19.85(1)(c) to consider and take action on employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically merit pay recommendations for utility department staff.

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Koenig-Frye to convene to closed session. Motion was approved on a unanimous roll call vote.

Reconvene to Open Session

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Koenig-Frye to convene to open session. Motion was approved on a unanimous voice vote.

Reports

6. Director's Report Outline.

Director Randy Myrum provided his report.

7. July 2026 Live Lines.

Adjourn

Motion by Finkler, seconded by Hammer to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.