



UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City of New Prague

Monday, October 30, 2023 at 3:30 PM

Power Plant - 300 East Main St

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commission President Dan Bishop on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 3:30 p.m.

Commissioners present: Dan Bishop, Dick Jordan, and Bruce Wolf

Commissioners absent: Paul Busch and Tom Ewert

Staff present: GM Bruce Reimers, EOS Ken Zweber, and Finance Director Robin Pikal

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the agenda.

Motion carried (3-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. September 25, 2023, Utilities Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Wolf, seconded by Commissioner Jordan, to approve the September minutes. Motion carried (3-0).

4. UTILITY AND SMMPA BILLS

a. Approval of accounts payable in the amount of **\$584,724.92** and the SMMPA billing of **\$543,660.78**.

Motion made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, to approve the SMMPA and utility bills. Motion carried (3-0).

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Investment Report

b. Financial Report

c. Water and Kilowatt Hours Sales

Commissioner Ewert joined the meeting at 3:37 p.m. A motion was made by Commissioner Ewert and seconded by Commissioner Bishop to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried (4-0).

6. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2024 BUDGETS AND RATES

a. Electric

GM Reimers and Finance Director Robin Pikal presented the 2024 proposed electric budget and rates. After review and answering some questions on portions of the budget, a motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the 2024 water budget rates as presented. Motion carried (4-0).

b. Water

GM Reimers and Finance Director Pikal presented the 2024 proposed water budget and rates. After review and answering some questions on portions of the budget, a motion was made by Commissioner

Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the 2024 water budget and rates as presented. Motion carried (3-0).

7. APPROVAL OF LIABILITY COVERAGE WAIVER FORM

a. Liability Coverage Waiver Form

Motion made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Wolf to approve the liability coverage waiver. Motion carried (3-0).

8. SMMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

a. September 13, 2023

Informational only; no action taken.

b. October 13, 2023

GM Reimers informed the commission on the following:

- SMMPA staff informed members that SMMPA will be looking to add more member generation in the next few years and that all members who are interested in adding generation to their fleet should let SMMPA know by the first of the year. GM Reimers advised SMMPA that New Prague would be interested in adding generation to the New Prague system.
- New Prague was voted in for another four-year term as a board member.

9. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

GM Reimers informed the commission on the following:

- The 10th Avenue water main project has been completed and restoration of the area should be completed by the end of October.
- The electric department is working on several projects and trying to get them completed before winter.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, to adjourn the October 30, 2023, meeting at 5:14 p.m. Motion carried (3-0). Commissioner Ewert had to leave early at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - Monday, November 27, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Reimers
General Manager