



UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

City of New Prague

Monday, August 28, 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, August 28, 2023, at 3:32 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Dan Bishop, Dick Jordan, Paul Busch

Commissioners Absent: Tom Ewert, Bruce Wolf

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commission Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried (3-0).

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 31, 2023, Utilities Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Busch and seconded by Commissioner Jordan to approve the July 31, 2023, Meeting Minutes. Motion carried (3-0).

4. UTILITY AND SMMPA BILLS

a. Approval of accounts payable in the amount of \$73,232.48 and the SMMPA billing of \$608,890.20.

Motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve. Motion carried (3-0).

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Finance System Update (Note: This information is not available this month due to software change.)

b. Investment Summary (Note: This information is not available this month due to software change.)

c. Water and Kilowatt Hours Sales

Motion made by Commissioner Bishop and seconded by Commissioner Busch to approve all reports as presented. Motion carried (3-0).

6. APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC CAPITAL EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURE

a. Ford F550 Cab Chassis Truck

Motion made by Commissioner Jordan, seconded by Commissioner Busch, to approve capital equipment expenditure in the amount of \$58,300 for a 2024 F550 Cab Chassis from Jeff Belzer's Ford. Motion carried (3-0).

7. SMMPA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

a. July 12, 2023

b. August 9, 2023

GM Reimers informed the Commission on the following:

- SMMPA hit an all-time new system peak load on August 23 of 547 Mega Watts.
- Board approve Fairmount transmission project.
- SHERCO 3 has been up and running the last few weeks and was available for the peak loads.

8. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

a. Comprehensive Plan

GM Reimers informed the Commission on the following:

- The water department had a failure on well #2 and it has been replaced at a cost of \$28,000.
- Thanked Commissioner Paul Bush and Commissioner Tom Ewert for joining him in Duluth for the MMUA summer conference.
- NPU reached a new summer peak load on August 23 of 17.3 MW.
- Staff has been working on the new software implementation the last couple of weeks and will hopefully be totally implemented by mid-September.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Busch to adjourn the August 28, 2023, meeting @ 4:22 p.m.

NEXT COMMISSION MEETING - Monday, September 25, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Reimers
General Manager