

# AUSTIN UTILITIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm December 12th, 2017  
Date

Regular Meeting

Jeanne Sheehan  
Presiding Officer

**Members Present:**

Jeanne Sheehan, President  
Geoff Baker, Commissioner  
Tom Baudler, Commissioner  
Tyler Hulsebus, Commissioner  
Tom Sherman, Commissioner

**Others Present:**

Mark Nibaur, General Manager  
Alex Bumgardner, Energy Res. & Utility Operations Dir.  
Tom Tylutki, Electric Distribution Director  
Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director  
Kim Duncomb, Support Services Director  
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager

**Members Absent:**

Jeanne Sheehan called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 14th, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the disbursements summary, accounts payable list, additional bills and expenses, and authorize warrants to be drawn for their payment. Approved unanimously.

Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director, presented inspection reports from the downtown reservoir and Bel-Air tower. The downtown reservoir has some deterioration of the paint and is aging. Plans for a replacement in NW Austin have been made for the future. Bel-Air had only minor issues.

Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director, presented a city ordinance to establish water conservation restrictions as outlined by the Minnesota governor. The city council will consider adopting it at their next meeting.

Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director, presented the certificate of adoption of Austin Utilities water supply plan. The DNR has formally approved it and the final step is approval from the Austin Utilities Board of Commissioners. Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Geoff Baker, to adopt the water supply plan. Approved unanimously.

Kim Duncomb, Support Services Director, presented an update on the Pay Equity Implementation report and filing requirements from the state of Minnesota. AU is still in the midst of a compensation study with Flaherty and Hood and it will not be completed by the deadline to submit the report. There are no extensions permitted therefore the report will be submitted accordingly. If the report finds AU "out of compliance" the state may allow a grace period to become compliant. Commissioner Baker asked why Flaherty and Hood was consulting and was concerned their connection with the League of Greater MN cities may influence their recommendations. The study is already underway and they will provide their final study results in the next 3 months.

Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources and Utility Operations Director, provided an update on the Downtown Plant demolition. Five bidders participated and the low bid was from Landwehr Construction of St. Cloud. The total bid amount was \$2,487,640.62. Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus to award the bid to Landwehr Construction and to grant authority to the General Manager to execute all contracts and agreements when they are final. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, also updated the Board on the following:

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Troy Tucker retirement
- AU Christmas party

The next Regular Board meeting was established for 3:00 pm on January 16th, 2018.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 4:50 pm.

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President

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Secretary