

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

3:00 pm January 16th, 2018

Date

Regular Meeting

Jeanne Sheehan

Presiding Officer

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Op. Dir.
Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director
Kim Duncomb, Support Services Director
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager

Members Absent:

Tyler Hulsebus, Commissioner

President Jeanne Sheehan called the session to order.

Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Tom Sherman to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

AU customers, Renee Wangen, 1503 2nd Ave SW, and Patti Lang, 1503 5th St. SE, addressed the Board. They questioned the 'customer charge' portion of their bills and asked the Board to try to reduce costs for the customer. Board members explained the reasons for the fixed charges and thanked them for their input.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 12th 2017. Approved unanimously.

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

Kim Duncomb, Support Services Director, presented the 2018 Pay Equity Implementation Report. Austin Utilities is at an underpayment ratio of 51.43 (80.0 and above is compliant). MN Management and Budget department will issue a notice of non-compliance and likely allow a grace period to correct the underpayment. Flaherty & Hood is currently performing a compensation study of Austin Utilities. Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Tom Sherman, to submit the Pay Equity Report as presented. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Geoff Baker to adjourn the 2017 Board of Commissioners of the Austin Utilities. Sine Die. Approved unanimously.

The Secretary convened the 2018 Board of Commissioners of the Austin Utilities.

The Commissioners elected a President, Tyler Hulsebus and a Vice President of the Commission, Geoff Baker, from among the Commission, for the ensuing year. (In accordance with Chapter XI, Section I, Austin City Charter)

The Secretary stated the Board's nomination and election of the President and Vice President for 2018, after which, the new President of the Commission continued with the remaining business of the Commission.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tom Baudler to appoint Mark Nibaur as Secretary to the Board for the ensuing year (in accordance with Chapter XI, Section 1, Austin City Charter).

Due to Tyler Hulsebus's absence, Vice President, Geoff Baker, stated the Board's appointment of Secretary to the Board, and directed the Secretary to note the members of the 2018 Board of Commissioners of the Austin Utilities.

The Board renewed appointments of Committee Members to the Personnel Committee, Budget Committee, and Mower County Water Management Committee.

Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor presented the fourth quarter charge offs. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approved the charge offs as presented. Approved unanimously.

Ann Christianson, Finance Manager presented Resolution No. 294 Designating Depositories for 2018. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Sherman to approve the Resolution as presented. Approved unanimously with 4 yeas and 0 nays.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources and Utility Operations Director, provided information on a pre-pay program with BP. The program would provide a discount on long term natural gas purchases. BP staff will attend the next monthly commissioner meeting with a full presentation.

Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Operations Director, provided an update on the Downtown Plant demolition. The demolition has started with some outer garages.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Natural gas critical event

The next regular Board meeting was established for 4:00 pm on February 13th, 2018.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 4:25 pm.

President

Secretary