

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm June 12th, 2018

Regular Meeting

Tyler Hulsebus

Date

Presiding Officer

Members Present:

Tyler Hulsebus, President
Tom Baudler, Commissioner
Tom Sherman, Commissioner
Jeanne Sheehan, 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:

President Tyler Hulsebus called the meeting to order.

Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 16th, 2018. Approved unanimously.

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

Tyler Hulsebus, President, presented the AU scholarship award to Kristina Thorson. Her scholarship essay was chosen as the winner of the \$500 award. Kristina will be attending St. Thomas University in the fall.

Tyler Hulsebus, President, acknowledged Marwa Agwa as the recipient of the Riverland/Austin Utilities Scholarship. She was not present at the meeting. Discussion was held on potentially providing scholarship awards to children of employees. Staff will research what other businesses do and report back to the Board.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Operations Director, updated the Board on progress relating to the BP natural gas pre-pay contract. ISDA collateral requirements are still being investigated. New Ulm has backed out of the program and Hutchinson has backed out of the long-term portion. AU is waiting for the results of a financial analysis to share with the Board.

Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Operations Director, provided an update on the Downtown Plant demolition. The MPCA found a pocket of asbestos in a large debris area underground. Removal of the asbestos and meeting additional environmental requirements, due to the Rec Center's residential zoning status, could add up to \$400,000 more to the total demolition costs. AU staff will address the new costs with the Rec Center committee and report back to the Board.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, to pass Resolution No. 298, extending a vote of thank you to Tom Sherman for his service as a Commissioner of Austin Utilities. He submitted his resignation effective immediately due to a move out of the state. Approved 4 yeas, to 0 nays. Tom Sherman abstained.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Natural Gas response requirements
- June 22nd Employee recognition of Best Places to Work in SE Minnesota award
- July 19th Retiree breakfast and brick distribution
- APGA Conference in Portland
- MMUA Summer Conference in Brainerd
- Process for appointing a replacement Commissioner for Tom Sherman

The next regular Board meeting was discussed. Alternate dates in July will be considered due to absences on the second Tuesday.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Geoff Baker, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 5:10 pm.

President

Secretary