

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

3:00 pm March 29th, 2018

Regular Meeting

Tyler Hulsebus

Date

Presiding Officer

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Op. Dir.
Tom Tylutki, Electric Distribution Director
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager

Members Absent:

Tom Sherman, Commissioner
(attending by phone)

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 Baudler, seconded by Geoff Baker, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 13th and special meeting minutes of February 22nd, 2018. Approved unanimously.

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

Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, presented the annual liability insurance waiver. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to authorize the General Manager/Secretary to sign the waiver indicating that Austin Utilities does not waive the statutory tort limits. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the Riverland Workforce Development Scholarship partnership. The Riverland Community College Foundation is requesting Austin Utilities become a partner with Riverland and the Austin Chamber of Commerce on a \$2500 matching donation for a scholarship in Riverland's Manufacturing, Healthcare, Information Technology or Agriculture programs. Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the \$2500 scholarship expense. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources and Utility Operations Director, presented a potential opportunity to participate in a natural gas pre-pay program through BP. The contract has not been finalized yet. AU staff will inform the Austin City Council about the program at their April 16th work session. Commissioner Baker voiced concern over the contract's length as AU would be locked into purchasing from BP. He also felt the program would benefit AU customers but would benefit BP and PEAK energy a great deal more and AU could likely buy gas on its own with better savings. No action was taken and the potential contract will be readdressed at the next monthly meeting.

Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Operations Director, provided an update on the Downtown Plant demolition. The demolition is still on schedule despite metal sheets being found underground. Contractors believe the sheeting can be removed in the areas affecting the Rec Center building construction.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Tony Merten retirement
- Commissioner Baudler's request for a debate on the differing ways to set rates.

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, April 10th, 2018.

Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Tom Baudler, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 3:50 pm.

President

Secretary