

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, May 14th 2019
Date

Regular Meeting

Geoff Baker
Presiding Officer

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

President Geoff Baker called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 9th, 2019. 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.

Kelly Lady, Marketing and Energy Services Manager, presented AU's school energy efficiency program. The program kit includes energy saving items and educational materials for 4th grade students. Sponsoring the program helps with MN's Conservation Improvement Program requirements. AU has partnered with Owatonna Public Utilities, received a \$5,000 state grant, and has received some reimbursement from SMMPA to partially fund the program.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director, reviewed potential options to improve the exterior of the downtown water reservoir which is in need of repair. Options included repainting, an exterior wrap, or leaving it as is until taken out of commission in the next few years as planned. Staff will look for opportunities to add logos or find sponsorships for an exterior wrap.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director, provided an update on the Turtle Creek 2 water project. Two Proposals were reviewed which included a minimum fire flow option and AU's proposed project costs. Staff will be submitting a final proposal for board decision.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- APPA National Conference
- MMUA Summer Conference
- 2019 Best Places to Work

The next regular Board meeting was rescheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, June 18th, 2019. A Board Work Session was also scheduled for 7:30 am, May 23rd, 2019.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously.
Adjourned 4:49 pm.

President

Secretary