

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm November 14th, 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

Members Absent:

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

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

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 10th, 2017. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Geoff Baker, 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.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager presented the proposed 2018 budget. The budget committee reviewed and recommended a 1.5% rate increase for electric, 4.9% increase for water, and 0% increase for gas. In 2017 SMMPA passed on a 2.0% electric wholesale rate increase, additionally Austin Utilities has experienced higher electric load forecasts which have contributed to increased electric wholesale costs. The continuing addition of water plant assets since 2011 is one of the driving factors for the 4.9% rate increase in the water department. The other factor is the 4.2% decline in consumption in our industrial class. The gas department will not need a rate increase as the small variance from the target operating net income can be attained by adjusting the PGA if necessary. After a brief discussion, moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus to approve the budget as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the 2018 rate tariffs for Gas, showing the 0% increase, Water rates showing the 4.9% increase, and Electric rates with the 1.5% increase. The Commissioners also reviewed the news release regarding the rate changes. Moved by Geoff Baker, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus to approved the 2018 rate tariffs as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented proposed 2018 fees and deposits. These are customer service fees charged to customers. The last update was done in 2013. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus to approve the 2018 fees and deposits as presented. Approved unanimously.

Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources and Utility Operations Director, provided an update on the Downtown Plant demolition. Bid packets will be opened on December 4th and the demolition contract will be presented at the December 12th meeting.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- 3 year safety milestone for Electric Department, 1 year for Gas & Water Construction

The next Regular Board meeting was established for 4:00 pm on December 12th, 2017.

Moved by Tom Sherman, seconded by Geoff Baker, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 4:45 pm.

President

Secretary