

# AUSTIN UTILITIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING

7:30 am, March 25th, 2021

Special Meeting

Steve Greenman

Date

President

### Members Present:

Steve Greenman, President (via video call)  
Jay Lutz, Commissioner (via video call)  
Tom Baudler, Commissioner (via video call)  
Kristin Johnson, Commissioner (via video call)  
Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner (via video call)

### Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager (via video call)  
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director (via video call)  
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager (via video call)  
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director (via video call)  
Kelly Lady, Marketing & Energy Services Mgr. (via video call)  
Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor (via video call)

### Members Absent:

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President Steve Greenman called the special meeting to order. Due to COVID-19 limitations, Commissioners participated through video call.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Commissioner Johnson joined the meeting at 7:34 am.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented options for cost recovery from the February natural gas price spike. AU staff calculated scenarios including an AU contribution from reserves of 1.5 million and 2 million. Commissioners asked whether there was concern on depleting reserves, how to shape the messaging to customers, and if there was a way for customers to help other customers pay their share. Staff reported that the cash reserve fund is still stable, messages will go out to customers in several ways to explain, and that additional funding assistance through SEMCAC had been made available to those who qualify. After further discussion, moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve an AU contribution of 1.5 million from cash reserves, and to spread the cost recovery over a seven month period. Average costs to customers:

Average Residential - \$191 (based on 165 ccf) or \$27.29 for 7 months (May-Nov) - Rate 110/111

Average Small Commercial - \$671 (based on 579 ccf) or \$95.86 for 7 months (May-Nov) - Rate 210/211

Average Large Commercial - \$6467 (based on 5582 ccf) or \$808 for 7 months (May-Nov) - Rate 410/411

Commissioner Johnson voiced her support but left the meeting before the vote at 7:59 am.

Roll call vote taken and approved 4 yeas to 0 nays.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously. Adjourned 8:06 am.

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President

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Secretary