

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, August 11th, 2020

Date

Regular Meeting

Tom Baudler

President

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager (via video call)
Kim Duncomb, Employee Relations Director (via video call)
Kelly Lady, Marketing and Energy Services Manager (via video call)

Members Absent:

President Tom Baudler called the meeting to order. Due to COVID-19 limitations, all Commissioners participated through video call.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Moved by Kris Johnson, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 21st, 2020. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approve the disbursements summary, accounts payable list, additional bills and expenses, and authorize warrants to be drawn for their payment. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, presented AU's rate study. Dawn Lund and Dan Kasbohm, Utility Financial Solutions, LLC provided a summary of the study. Their presentation and projections recommended a Water rate increase of 1.9% and a customer charge increase of .80. The study also recommended a Gas rate increase of 1.45% and a customer charge increase of \$1.50 for residential and \$5.00 commercial with an adjusted PGA base to .4350. An electric rate increase of 1.4% and a customer charge increase of \$1.00 residential and \$2.00 commercial with the PCA set to zero was recommended for Electric. More discussion will be held in coming meetings.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented an update on COVID-19 effects on AU and its customers. Arrears are building and AU is studying potential CARES act funding for customer assistance.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, provided an update on the propane plant, including vaporizer diagram. The west town border station, which Northern Natural Gas wants moved further to the west, was also reviewed. An update on landscaping near the downtown water reservoir and construction of a fence around it was summarized as well.

President Tom Baudler left the meeting at 4:59 pm. Vice President Steve Greenman led the meeting in his absence.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Review of By-Laws and recommendation to update them
- Customer Advisory Panel
- MMUA Summer Conference

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, September 8th, 2020.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Adjourn 5:20 pm.

President

Secretary