

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, August 13th, 2019

Regular Meeting

Geoff Baker

Date

Presiding Officer

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Op. Dir.
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager
Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director
Tom Tylutki, Electric Distribution Director
Kim Duncomb, Customer & Employee Relations Dir.

Members Absent:

Tom Baudler, Commissioner

President Geoff Baker called the meeting to order.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 9th, 2019. Approved unanimously.

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

Discussion was held on whether AU should continue to donate \$10,000 to the Chamber of Commerce Freedom Fest. Commissioners questioned the future of the festival and if AU was making the best use of rate payers' money with such a donation. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to not include the \$10,000 donation in the 2020 AU budget but agree to listen to any presentation from the Chamber in the future on the donation's benefits to the community. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources and Utility Operations Director, presented Resolution No. 305 - MMGA Gas Supply agreement. The pre-pay agreement is similar to the PEAK agreement already in place. Anticipated savings are in the 24,000 to 31,000 a year range. The agreement will also need approval from the city council. Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve Resolution No. 305. Resolution passes 4 yeas to 0 nays.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, presented a 2019 O&M and capital budget review and projections. The Finance Manager used 6 months of actual figures and consulted with AU department directors in the year end projections. Budget Committee meetings are planned to begin in October with a 2020 budget presented at the November Board meeting.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Customer service training
- Customer rate report and new bill designs
- RFP for Health Insurance Broker
- Employee Picnic September 13th

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, September 10th, 2019.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to close the meeting pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.05, Subd. 3(a) for performance reviews of management staff. Approved unanimously. Meeting closed at 4:49 pm.

Meeting reopened at 5:27 pm.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn regular meeting. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

President

Secretary