

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, December 10, 2019

Regular Meeting

Geoff Baker

Date

President

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager
Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director
Kim Duncomb, Customer & Employee Relations Dir.

Members Absent:

President Geoff Baker called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 12th, 2019. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tom Baudler, 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.

Representatives of the City of Austin, Mayor Tom Stiehm, Ann Kasel, and Tom Dankert presented a request for a donation to the 4th of July celebration in 2020. The event will be scaled down to one day and donations have already been secured from the city and Hormel Foods for \$10,000 each and the Hormel Foundation for \$20,000. They are requesting \$10,000 from Austin Utilities, the same amount AU donated in past years, to help fund the event. Discussion was held on whether there was a benefit to rate payers, on the event plans, and donor recognition. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve a \$10,000 donation as requested. Motion approved by a vote of 3 to 2. Commissioners Hulsebus and Baker voting nay.

Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, updated the 2019 capital budget projections. AU is slightly over budget and will use contingency dollars to fund the additional expenditures.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the 2020 rate tariffs for water, traffic signals, and a new Economic Development tariff. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approved the tariffs as presented. Approved unanimously.

Kelly Lady, Marketing/Energy Services Manager, provided information on AU's Electric Vehicle program. SMMPA will be providing chargers and AU has budgeted to install them in Austin in 2020. AU has also developed an owner's club, a logo, and a brochure promoting the program.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Employee volunteer program
- Year of the Customer 2020

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, January 14th, 2020.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) for strategy relating to labor negotiations and 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) for a performance review of the General Manager. Approved unanimously. Closed session begins at 4:30 pm.

Returned to open session at 5:33 pm. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve proposed UAW contract for 2020 - 2022. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 5:35 pm.

President

Secretary