

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, December 15th, 2020
Date

Regular Meeting

Tom Baudler
President

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager (via video call)
Kim Duncomb, Employee Relations Director (via video call)
Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director (via video call)
Kelly Lady, Marketing and Energy Services Manager (via video call)
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director (via video call)
Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director (via video call)
Jay Lutz, 2021 Commissioner elect (via video call)

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

Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approve the special meeting minutes of November 12, and the regular meeting minutes of November 17, 2020. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, 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 the 2020 budget projections. Notable line items included a refund from SMMPA, 1 million for AMI in the capital budget moved to 2021, lower insurance costs, delaying of the NE plant demolition, lower electric peak, and large increase in customer arrears due to COVID-19.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the 2021 water rate tariffs. The tariffs were adjusted to represent the 1.9% increase approved at the November meeting. Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the water rate tariffs as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented Resolution No. 313 - Recognizing Tyler Hulsebus. Commissioner Hulsebus's term ends in 2020 and AU awarded him a plaque thanking him for his service. Commissioner elect, Jay Lutz, will be sworn in at the January regular meeting. Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approve Resolution No. 313 as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved 3 yeas, 0 nays.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented Resolution No. 314 - Recognizing Todd Jorgenson. He will retire his position as Director of Gas and Water Operations at the end of 2020 after more than 30 years at AU. Commissioners and staff thanked him for his service to AU and its customers. Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve Resolution No. 314 as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved 4 yeas, 0 nays.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, provided an update on COVID-19. Customer arrears have passed \$800,000 and will likely reach 1 million by the end of 2020. AU has had 5 employee cases of COVID-19 and all have now recovered.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety minutes
- Employee Relations Director retirement moved to January 2021
- Turtle Creek 2 - no additional participation received
- Large customer meeting recap

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, January 19th, 2021.

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

Adjourn 4:50 pm.

President

Secretary