

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, February 11th, 2020
Date

Regular Meeting

Tom Baudler
President

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Geoff Baker, Commissioner

Others Present:

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

President Tom Baudler 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 Tyler Hulsebus, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 14th, 2020. Approved unanimously.

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

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented a request to approve CLA to perform AU's 2019 independent financial audit. Commissioners asked if AU should consider other companies due to CLA not having local staff to perform the audit. Staff will compare prices with other companies for the 2020 audit. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve CLA to perform the 2019 AU audit. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources and Utility Operations Director, presented the distributed generation rate tariffs and the annual Qualifying Facilities report. Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the rates and report as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Todd Jorgenson, Gas and Water Operations Director, presented Resolution No. 309-Authorizing agreement with Takeuchi for lease of an excavator to AU. Gas and Water construction crews typically rent two excavators each season. By leasing one they will save money and have the option to buy the equipment at the end of the 5 year lease. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve Resolution No. 309 as presented. Resolution passed 4 yeas, to 0 nays.

Kelly Lady, Marketing and Energy Services Manager, updated the Board on AU's marketing projects. A new customer bill format will provide more user information and better clarify AU charges and City of Austin charges. The new bill format will start in March. Kelly Lady also reviewed plans for a Customer Advisory Panel and Customer Service promises.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Doug Barth retirement in April
- Information on Smart meters
- Update on replacement of Geoff Baker as Commissioner

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, March 10th, 2020.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to move to a closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. §13D.03 Subd. 1(b) for strategy relating to labor negotiations. Approved unanimously. Closed session began at 4:42 pm.

Returned to open session. Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Steve Greenman, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourn 5:10 pm.

President

Secretary