

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm February 12th, 2019
Date

Regular Meeting

Geoff Baker
Presiding Officer

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Alex Bumgardner, Energy Resources & Utility Op. Dir.
Tom Tylutki, Electric Distribution Director
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager
Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director
Kim Duncomb, Support Services Director
Jess Dunlap, Utility Operations Supervisor
Rob Gleason, Gas & Water Services Supervisor

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 Tom Baudler, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 8th, 2019. Approved unanimously.

Commissioner Greenman asked for information on a damage claim that AU paid. Miscommunication with Customer Service resulted in a disconnection that caused damage to a customer's heating system of approximately \$11,000. 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.

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 Steve Greenman, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the tariffs and report as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, Jess Dunlap, Utility Operations Supervisor, and Rob Gleason, Gas and Water Services Supervisor presented changes to AU's after hours service call procedures. The procedures differentiate between emergency and convenience calls which can be delayed until regular business hours. The changes will allow a reduction in overtime costs while affecting only a small percentage of customers.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03, Subd. 1(b) for strategy relating to labor negotiations. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 4:17 pm.

Meeting opened at 5:22 pm.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan to approve Resolution No. 300 - Approving Implementation of Certain Components of Classification and Compensation Study. Yeas- Commissioner Sheehan, Commissioner Hulsebus, and Commissioner Greenman. Nays- Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Baudler. Resolution passes 3 yeas to 2 nays. Employees questioned the contents of the Resolution and Base Pay Structure. Copies of the attachments will be made public.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve Resolution No. 301 - Approving Labor Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding between Austin Utilities and AFSCME, MN Council 65, Local 2566. The agreement includes salary increases of 3% for 2019, 2.5% for 2020, and 2.75% for 2021 as well as adopting the new Base Pay Structure of Austin Utilities. Resolution passes 5 yeas to 0 nays.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.05, Subd. 3(a) for performance review of General Manager. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 5:34 pm.

Meeting opened at 5:42 pm.

General Manager contract approval was tabled.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, March 12th, 2019.

Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn the meeting. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 5:55 pm.

President

Secretary