

# AUSTIN UTILITIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, July 21st, 2020  
Date

Regular Meeting

Tom Baudler  
President

### Members Present:

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

### Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager  
Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director (via video call)  
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager (via video call)  
Kim Duncomb, Employee Relations Director (via video call)  
Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor (via video call)  
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director (via video call)  
Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director (via video call)  
Kelly Lady, Marketing and Energy Services Manager (via video call)  
Rob Gleason, Gas and Water Services Supervisor (via video call)

### Members Absent:

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 Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the meeting agenda. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 9, 2020 and the work session minutes of June 24th, 2020. Roll call vote taken and 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. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Melissa Swenson, Customer Service Supervisor, presented the 2nd Quarter Charge-offs. Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve the charge-offs as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director, presented the AMI project bids and budget. Commissioners reviewed the bid scoring summary, vendor evaluation summary and potential budgeting scenarios. AU staff recommend awarding the AMI project to ACLARA Technologies LLC as the lowest qualified bidder for a total project cost, including electric, water and gas systems of \$6,245,558 dollars. After further discussion, moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to approve of staff recommendation and award AU's AMI project to ACLARA Technologies LLC. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, and Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director, provided an update on the Turtle Creek 2 project. Residents of Turtle Creek 2, Scott Kaplan and Kyler Green, joined the video call and shared their support for the project. AU did not receive enough participation responses in a previous attempt to move forward with the project. Kaplan and Green believe that the City's cooperation with assessing the residents costs onto their property taxes will increase Turtle Creek 2 resident participation. AU will send letters to residents outlining the various financing options for the \$16,688 water access fee and explaining the need for a 75% participation rate to proceed.

Todd Jorgenson, Gas & Water Operations Director, provided an update on the downtown water reservoir. KLM will complete the painting in the next few weeks.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented an update on COVID-19 effects on AU and its customers.

Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director, provided an update on AU's electric vehicle charging plans. AU will be installing 4 charging stations in Austin, in a partnership with SMMPA.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Retirement notices for Larry Sunderman and Brian Klapperick.
- Possible change to 3rd Tuesday of the month for Board of Commissioner meetings

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, August 11th, 2020.

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

Adjourn 5:34 pm.

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President

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Secretary