

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, June 15th, 2021
Date

Regular Meeting

Steve Greenman
President

Members Present:

Steve Greenman, President
Jay Lutz, Commissioner
Tom Baudler, Commissioner
Kristin Johnson, Commissioner
Jeanne Sheehan, Commissioner

Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager
Keven Maxa, Engineering Supervisor
Alex Bumgardner, Utility Operations Director
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager
Dan Ulland, Employee Relations Director

Members Absent:

President Steve Greenman called the meeting to order.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Tom Baudler, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 18, 2021. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tom Baudler, 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, introduced Shawn McAlister, Freedom Fest volunteer. He is requesting a \$4,000 sponsorship to be used for entertainment in the band shell park on the 4th of July. It will be a one-day festival this year with a parade, entertainment, food trucks and a fireworks display. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Kristin Johnson, to approved the request as presented. Approved unanimously.

Keven Maxa, Engineering Supervisor, presented the developer's agreement for the proposed Nature Ridge III housing project. It is designed to have 26 lots in the area across from the Hormel Nature Center. The agreement includes extensions of gas, water, and electric. Moved by Tom Baudler, seconded by Jay Lutz, to approved the developer's agreement as presented. Approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented an update on COVID and customer accounts. The monthly charts will be included in the board packet appendixes in future meetings. Commissioners discussed employees working from home returning to the office and the trend in workplaces to offer work from home options permanently. All staff members that had previously been working from home are currently reporting to the office four days a week now. The Board agreed that AU's monthly COVID updates are no longer needed.

Alex Bumgardner, Operations Director, updated the Board on the demolition timeline for the NE Plant. An online auction will wrap up later this month. Bid packages will go out in July 2021 with an anticipated completion of the project by July of 2022.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- New Energy brochure
- Nutek groundbreaking

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, July 20th, 2021.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Jay Lutz, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourned 5:01 pm.

President

Secretary