

# AUSTIN UTILITIES

## MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, May 12th, 2020

Date

Regular Meeting

Tom Baudler

President

### Members Present:

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

### Others Present:

Mark Nibaur, General Manager  
Ann Christianson, Finance Manager (via video call)  
Tom Tylutki, Electric Operations Director (via video call)  
Tom Dankert, City of Austin, Dir. of Admin. Services

### Members Absent:

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President Tom Baudler called the meeting to order. Due to COVID-19 restrictions Commissioners Sheehan, Greenman, Hulsebus, and Johnson joined the meeting via Zoom video conference.

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

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 14th, 2020. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, 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.

Tom Dankert, Director of Administrative Services for the City of Austin, administered the oath of office to Kristin Johnson. The mayor of the City of Austin appointed Commissioner Johnson to fill the remainder of the term, through 2020, left vacant by Geoff Baker who resigned in March 2020.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the 2020 AU scholarship award to Fayth Nystel. Her essay was chosen as the winner for AU's \$500 scholarship. Fayth will attend the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities in the fall.

Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, and Craig Popenhagen, CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the 2019 annual audit. Although different CLA staff performed the audit from previous years, there were still no findings. Mr. Popenhagen noted one accounting change and issued AU letters independent from the City of Austin. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to receive and place on file 2019 annual audit and internal annual report and forward to the Austin City Council. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

Mark Nibaur, General Manager, presented the proposed AMI opt-out program. The program would allow customers the opportunity to opt-out of having a AMI meter installed on their house by paying a fee of \$250 dollars for a one time service set and administration fee, and pay an additional \$25 dollars each monthly billing cycle. Moved by Kristin Johnson, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to approve program as presented. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- COVID-19 update on policy and potential financial implications

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, June 9th, 2020.

Commissioners requested Kristin Johnson be added to the Budget & Finance Committee to replace Geoff Baker.

Moved by Steve Greenman, seconded by Jeanne Sheehan, to adjourn. Roll call vote taken and approved unanimously. Adjourn 5:15 pm.

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President

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Secretary