

AUSTIN UTILITIES

MINUTES OF MEETING

4:00 pm, November 12th, 2019
Date

Regular Meeting

Tom Baudler
Presiding Officer

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

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

Members Absent:

Geoff Baker, President

Vice President Tom Baudler called the meeting to order.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the meeting agenda. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 8th, 2019. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, 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 Ann Christianson, Finance Manager, presented the proposed 2020 budget and rate adjustments. The budget was reviewed by the Budget committee and AU's leadership team. Some larger items included in the budget are \$750,000 for demolition of the NE Plant, \$250,000 to wrap the water reservoir downtown and \$1,000,000 to fund a portion of the AMI project, all items being funded by cash reserves. The personnel budget also saw a 5.12% increase due to adoption of the base pay scale. Staff is recommending no increase in gas or electric rates and a 4.9% increase in water rates. Further discussion was held on the downtown water reservoir and individual budget line items. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to approved the 2020 budget as presented. Motion approved 3 yeas to 1 nay. Commissioner Hulsebus voting nay. The adjusted rate tariffs will be brought to the December board meeting for approval.

Kim Duncomb, Employee Relations Director, presented the 2020 update to AU's Health Insurance policy. The revised policy reflects a \$800 premium cap for single coverage, and an increase to the employer single +1 and family employer cap to \$1,200/month. Moved by Tyler Hulsebus, seconded by Steve Greenman to approved the policy update as presented. Approved unanimously.

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

- SMMPA minutes
- Safety Committee minutes
- Large customer meeting

The Personnel committee stated they are meeting with the GM about his 2020 contract in the near future.

The next regular Board meeting was scheduled for 4:00 pm, Tuesday, December 10th, 2019.

Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Steve Greenman, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.03 Subd. 1(b) for strategy relating to labor negotiations. Approved unanimously. Closed session begins at 4:52 pm.

Returned to open session. Moved by Jeanne Sheehan, seconded by Tyler Hulsebus, to adjourn. Approved unanimously. Adjourn 5:20 pm.

President

Secretary