

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2020

CWL Commission President Lang called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Lang, Andler, Olson, Schulze and Thom. Also, present at the meeting was CWL Co-Superintendent Hammer and CWL Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg. Excused Jason Theilen and Greg Robbins.

It was reported that the City Clerk, as required by appropriate Wisconsin Statutes, had given proper public notice of the meeting.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved on a motion by Olson, second by Andler. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Included in the packet was an article "Bring on the Sunshine!" "submitted to the Columbus Journal on January 7, 2020 by Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg on the Public Service Commission voting to approve the Point Beach Solar Energy.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the December 18<sup>th</sup> CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasure's Report and the Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Schulze, second by Thom. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Solar PV Array Bid Package: Motion by Olson, second by Andler to approve the Solar PV Array Bid Package submitted by Ruekert & Mielke. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the December Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 21269-21320 and 35 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$768,121.77. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 32 requests totaling \$106,359.25. Motion by Andler, second by Olson, to approve paying the 32 requests from the AP Report. Motion carried. The December cost per kilowatt-hour was \$.06590. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Debt Service Funding: Currently CWL contributes \$45,500 per month to the Debt Service Fund to pay the principle and interest payments for their Revenue Bond. With a monthly contribution of \$30,000; the fund would be sufficiently funded for future payments. Co-Sup't Kaltenberg discussed with the Commission to consider changing the monthly contribution starting January 2020 from \$45,500 to \$30,000 to have the fund adequately funded. Also, CWL would be able to deposit the difference of \$15,500 into the LGIP-Utility General Fund-#1314 to earn more interest. Motion by Olson, second by Andler to approve changing the debt service fund contribution from \$45,500 to \$30,000 and to deposit the difference of \$15,500 into the LGIP-Utility General Fund #1314. Motion carried.

Feb-Dec 2020 CWL Commission Meeting Dates & Times: At the December Commission meeting there was discussion on changing the Commission meeting dates. This was discussed because of the changing of the bill dates to align the PCAC. By changing the bill dates the previous months financials would not be prepared until the third week of the month. Motion by Olson, second by Schulze to change the meeting dates to the third Thursday of each month; with the exception of September's meeting to be scheduled Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

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**REPORTS:**

Mayor Comments: The Mayor reported that there will be four elections this year. He also stated that Kim Manley, the City Treasurer gave her notice that her retirement date will be May 1, 2020.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- On December 12<sup>th</sup>, the WPPI Energy 2020 Budget passed at the WPPI Board of Directors Meeting. If anyone is interested in reviewing the budget, please let me know.
- On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Joe and I had a conference call with Ben Slager, WPPI Director of Information Technology on the cyber security services that WPPI offers. These services are budgeted in CWL's 2020 Budget.
- The CWL Crew has been working on inventory the last few weeks of December.
- CWL's crew is progressing on the AMI Water Meter Project. To date, 1,706 of 2,337 water meters have been converted to AMI.

Co-Superintendent Hammer's Report:

**The CWL crew has been working on the following for the past 4 weeks;**

Continue to change out water meters to AMI system

Water & Electric Inventory

Take down Christmas Decorations

Vehicle maintenance

MEUW Safety Instructor Field Visit

Viaduct street light repair

**Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;**

Continue to change out water meters to AMI system

WP 1 & 2 Maintenance

Tree trimming

Motion by Olson, second by Andler to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

**\*\*Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler  
CWL Commission Secretary