

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2019

CWL Commission President Lang called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Lang, Thom, Andler, Olson, Theilen and Schulze. Also, present at the meeting was CWL Sup't Anthon, Business Manager Kaltenberg, CWL Foreman Hammer and Jason Lietha from Ruckert and Mielke. Excused 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 Theilen. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Jason Lietha from Ruckert and Mielke presented Task Order 2018-CWL04 for conducting the Corrosion Control Study for CWL, as required by the DNR as part of the lead exceedance that occurred on late 2017.

Included in the packet is an email from Andy Traxler, requesting that CWL pay for an electrician's invoice. Motion was made by Schulze, second by Olson to reimburse Andy Traxler \$79.13 when he submits a paid receipt from the Electrician. Motion carried 3-0, with Thom and Theilen abstaining.

Also, included is an article on Lodi Utilities situation with the PSC and a "benchmarking report" from WPPI that outlines where CWL is at compared to other WPPI members in regard to retail rate strategy.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the December 13th CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Olson, second by Theilen. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the December Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 20555-20613 and 32 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$855,998.88. Motion made by Olson, second by Andler to transfer \$76,327.43 from the 2016-2017 Construction Account #1257 to the General Fund #1310 and to then close the 2016-2017 Construction Account #1257. Motion carried.

The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 35 requests totaling \$157,206.90. Motion by Schulze, second by Andler, to approve paying the 35 requests from the AP Report. Motion carried. The November cost per kilowatt-hour was \$0.06719. Reports were approved and placed on file.

TAS Heating and Cooling Proposal Discussion/Approval: Two of the three furnaces and air conditioners at the CWL Admin building are 25 years old. Over the past few years, CWL has had to call TAS for service calls with both the furnace and a/c units. The 2019 CWL budget included \$10,000 for replacement of 1 of 2 of the original heating and cooling units. TAS Heating & Cooling submitted a proposal for \$8,850 for the installation of the heating and a/c equipment. Motion by Olson, second by Schulze to approve TAS Heating & Cooling proposal for \$8,850 for the installation of the heating and a/c equipment. Motion carried.

DNR Reduced Monitoring for Lead and Copper Testing: Sup't Anthon reviewed the correspondence letter from Sophia Stevenson, DNR Water Engineer for CWL. The letter explains that CWL is no longer required to

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sample 40 locations, twice a year, for Lead & Copper levels. There will be reduced monitoring for CWL as long as the 90th percentile sample stays under the 15mg/L level set by the DNR and EPA.

Motion by Olson, second by Thom to adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1) (c) to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Discussion of CWL Employees Compensation for 2019) Roll call vote, Andler aye, Thom, Theilen aye, Olson aye, Schulze aye and Lang aye, motion carried and the meeting convened to closed session at 7:04 pm.

Motion by Olson, second by Andler to reconvene to open session. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:26 pm.

Approve CWL Employee Compensation Adjustment for 2019: Motion by Olson, second by Andler to approve the CWL Employee Compensation Adjustment for 2019. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Financial Report was given by Sup't Anthon and placed on file.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Thom stated that he is registered for the APPA Legislative Rally in Washington D.C., February 25-29, 2019.

Superintendent's Report:

- At the request of R&M, CWL marked additional water related facilities on Farnham Street the week of December 17th. On Thursday, December 20th, Joe and Sup't Anthon met with Brain Toczyski, of R&M to go over the items that needed to be located for the design of the new water main.
- Additional meetings have been held with GAR to discuss the additional electrical load that they are requesting. As a result of these meetings, CWL has found a location for a third electrical service for GAR and will be switching them over to primary metering in early 2019.
- Business Manager Kaltenberg, Water Operator Tanner and Sup't Anthon met with Tony Averbeck, of Hydro Corp to discuss Hydro Corp's program for water meter replacements. Hydro Corp offers a service for residential water meter replacements. Hydro Corp provides field personnel to handle the water meter replacements along with office personnel to schedule the appointments to replace the meters. It was Tony's opinion that Hydro Corp could complete the remaining water meter (approximately 1500) replacements in 4 months. Tony was going to work up an official proposal, including cost per meter for CWL. Once the proposal is received, Sup't Anthon will bring it to the CWL Commission. On Wednesday, December 26th, an additional 360 Elster AMI modules were received.
- WP # 1 Vessel Painting Project was on the DNR Sanitary Survey that was conducted back in April of 2018, with a deadline for completion of exterior painting of the vessels by the end of December 2019. This is a very time consuming and tedious project. CWL's crew has been working diligently on this and expect to have it completed by the end of April 2019.

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- Over the past several years, Holton Brothers, Inc. of Grafton, has been completing brick tuck pointing of the CWL Admin Building and Water Plant # 2. On Tuesday, December 18th, Sup't Anthon asked Matt Lempke of Holton Brothers to look at the east facing wall at WP #1. Matt is going to provide an estimate to repair the east facing wall by tuck point the poorer joints and replacing the coping caps that are on the plaster walls.
- CWL Commissions are invited to the WPPI Executive Meeting on Thursday, February 28th at 8:30 a.m.
- On January 29th, Sup't Anthon and Fire Chief Randy Koehn will be meeting with Insurance Services Office.
- Energy Service Representative Stieve is requesting quotes for upgrading the lights at the CWL Admin. Building.

Motion by Olson, second by Schulze to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

****Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, February 14th, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water & Light****

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler
CWL Commission Secretary