

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2020

CWL Commission President Lang called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Lang, Andler, Schulze and Theilen. Also, present at the meeting was Betty Meeusen, CWL Lead Lineman David Koenig, CWL Co-Superintendent Hammer and CWL Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg. Excused Mayor Thom, Larry Olson 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 Andler, second by Theilen. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Included in the packet was an article from the Wisconsin Journal on the PSC approving 149-megawatt solar farm in Jefferson County. Also, included in the packet was an E3P update memo from Energy Service Representative, Anna Stieve. Betty Meeusen discussed concerns she had with the utility services. Co-Sup't Hammer and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg with follow up with her concerns.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the January 9<sup>th</sup> CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and the Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Schulze, second by Andler. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Customer-Side Lead Service Line Replacement Program: At the December 18<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting the Commission was in consensus to move forward with developing a financial assistance program for private lead service line replacements. Co-Sup't Kaltenberg put together a draft ordinance and a draft Customer-side Lead Service Line Replacement Program for the Commission to review. Co-Sup't Kaltenberg will continue to work on the program and the PSC Application.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the January Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 21321-21369 and 39 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$841,280.26. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 45 requests totaling \$216,889.73. Motion by Andler, second by Theilen, to approve paying the 32 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Andler aye, Schulze aye, Theilen aye and Lang aye. Motion carried. The January cost per kilowatt-hour was \$.06487. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Update on 2020 Projects: Co-Sup't Hammer gave an update on the following 2020 projects: SCADA – Tower and Water Plant 2 are up and running as of February 14<sup>th</sup>, WP 2-Replacement of Softener Control Panel scheduled for February 24 – 26, Wrap up of Parkview 1-Phase 3, plus convert Apartment Complexes on Parkview Circle, Circuit 303–Industrial area upgrade, Circuit 101–Convert last few customers on that circuit of old sub to 12470V system, Hwy 89 Project – Conversion of customers off circuit of old sub, Hwy 60-Change out 200amp enclosures with 600amp fused enclosures

SCADA Demo: CWL Lead Lineman David Koenig did a brief demonstration of the new SCADA system showing the tower level and pressure and the water plant 2 operations.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Comments: Mayor Thom was excused this evening. Council member/Commissioner Theilen stated that there is a public hearing scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> for the Hibbard Street Project. He also reported that there

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will be a meet and greet for the five finalist for the City of Columbus City Administrator position on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pavilion.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- To date CWL has had two water main breaks; one on Meister Drive on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and one on Turner Street on February 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Legal ads for the Solar PV Array Project were published on February 8<sup>th</sup> and will be again on February 15<sup>th</sup>. A pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at CWL.
- On January 24<sup>th</sup> Ruekert & Mielke sent CWL an update on the water main project scheduled for Hibbard Street. The total estimated cost is \$363,325.00. On January 30<sup>th</sup> Ruekert & Mielke sent CWL a timeline schedule for the project. The public hearing is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> and the complete water main improvements is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Bills were sent out with a new bill date and a new due date. There have been a few questions but overall it went very well.
- On Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Wegner CPAs team was on site at CWL to perform field work for the 2019 Audit.
- CWL's crew is progressing on the AMI Water Meter Project. To date, 1,906 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 Plants 1 & 2 Maintenance  
SCADA related assistance – Tower & WP 2 brought online  
Addressed water main breaks on Meister Dr. and Turner St.  
Attended Diggers Hotline Training Class  
Trevor attended NESC Seminar in Plymouth  
Pole replacement 100 block N Water St  
Street light repairs  
Jake attended a AWWA Seminar in WI Dells

**Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;**

Continue to change out water meters to AMI system  
WP 1 & 2 Maintenance  
Tree trimming

Motion by Theilen, second by Schulze to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion carried.

**\*\*Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler  
CWL Commission Secretary