

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2021

CWL Commission President Lang called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Lang, Andler, Olson and Basten. Also, present at the meeting was CWL Lead Lineman David Koenig, Co-Superintendent Hammer and Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg. Excused Adams and Schulze

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 "Everything you need to know about Wisconsin's water towers: The good, the 'evil,' and the people who swim in your drinking water" by AnnMarie Hilton, USA Today Network.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the March Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22037-22072 and 36 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$757,886.93. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 36 requests totaling \$414,882.03. Motion by Andler, second by Olson, to approve paying the 35 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Olson aye, Basten aye, Lang aye and Andler aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Annual Report to City Council: By ordinance the CWL Commission, is required to give a report to the City Council at the first Council meeting in May. In the past, the report was given by a Commission member and over the last few years with the Mayor's and the City Administrator's approval, Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg has included the report in the City Council packets. From section 102-60 of the City of Columbus Ordinances '*The water and light commission shall at the first meeting of the city council in May, make a full report of its operations to the council.*'

Long Range Planning Review: The annual calendar for CWL Commission meeting topics indicates that April is the month for a discussion on long range planning and review for CWL. The Commission reviewed the attached list of past, current and upcoming projects.

**REPORTS:**

Financial Report was given by Co-Sup't Kaltenberg and placed on file.

Mayor Comments: The Mayor was excused this evening.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a conference call with Alex from WPPI to go over the new solar set up for residential customers and to make sure the general ledger accounts were correct for the new stat codes. CWL had a customer with a solar contract that had expired and with solar becoming more affordable CWL had to adjust according to the Solar Tariff that is currently in place.

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- On April 6<sup>th</sup>, Accounting Clerk Koenig-Fry and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a conference call with Stephanie and Alex from WPPI as part of the utilization review follow up discussion. CWL implemented and trained on "Balance Transfers". This will allow staff member to transfer credits or balances to current customer accounts that had a previous credit or balance on a different account/location. This only can be done with owners or tenants that now currently own so not to effect any future tax roll amounts.
- On April 7<sup>th</sup>, Co-Sup't Hammer, Lead Lineman Koenig and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg had a Microsoft Teams Meeting with Jill Frank from OpenPoint to discuss the options for the setup of work order numbering, type, classification and categorizing.
- On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Accounting Clerk Koenig-Fry and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg participated in the NorthStar Remote Actions Disconnect/Reconnect Webinar held by WPPI. CWL will be sending out disconnect letters on April 8<sup>th</sup> and will disconnect on April 21<sup>st</sup>.
- On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Co-Sup't Hammer and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg attended a Microsoft Teams meeting webinar 'APPA Rally Recap & Government Relations Webinar' held by Joseph Owen, Director of Government Relations, WPPI. The webinar recapped the legislative priorities conveyed to the Wisconsin and Michigan Congressional delegation by the 49 public power officials representing 24 communities who virtually attended the 2021 APPA Legislative Rally. Joseph covered the federal and state actions pertaining to COVID recovery, climate policy and infrastructure and discussed emerging proposals of interest to public power utilities if applicable.
- CWL's crew is unable to progress on the AMI Water Meter Project. Currently the back plates have not been received. To date, 2,225 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;**

Open Point – Field Work

Assist WWTP as needed.

Jake attended a LSL webinar with Joe

Hwy 89 Conversion & Pole Relocations

Transformer Oil Sampling of transformers to be scrapped

Apprenticeship School for Zach & Dalton

**Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;**

Open Point – Field / System Inventory

Farnham St conversion work

Circuit 101 conversion work

Hwy 60 – enclosure upgrades

Motion by Olson, second by Andler to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried.

**\*\*Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler  
CWL Commission Secretary