

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT  
COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 19, 2022

CWL Commission President Motiff called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Mayor Arnold, Andler, Motiff, Schulze and Lang. Commissioners present via video conference call: Basten and Aspuro. Also, present at the meeting was Joe Hammer, Operations Manager David Koenig and Superintendent Kaltenberg.

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 Lang. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Energy Services Manager, Anna Stieve was unable to connect with Mr. Dagon about his project after multiple attempts. She will keep trying and hopefully will have the information the Commission requested for next month's Commission Meeting.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the April 25<sup>th</sup> CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report, the Outage Report and the April Financials, was approved with corrections to the minutes on a motion from Schulze, second by Arnold. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

There was no unfinished business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the April Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22592-22638 and 43 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$1,221,041.55. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 31 requests totaling \$83,922.20. Motion by Lang, second by Andler to approve paying the 31 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Schulze aye, Andler aye, Arnold aye, Basten aye, Aspuro aye, Motiff aye and Lang aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Customer-side Lead Lateral Program: To move forward with the customer-side lead later program The Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement need to be approved by Columbus City Council. Motion was made by Schulze, second by Andler to recommend the Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement to the Columbus City Council for approval. Motion carried.

2021 Water Consumer Confidence Report: Each May the CCR is submitted to the DNR and placed on CWL's website for our Utility Customers. CWL posted the 2021 CCR on our website at: <https://www.columbuswaterandlight.com/water-department>

CWL Cable Commission Appointment: In May of each year the CWL Commission is to appoint a representative to the Columbus Cable Commission. Motion by Lang, second by Andler to appoint Mayor Mary Arnold as the CWL representative to the Columbus Cable Commission. Motion carried.

Motion by Arnold, second by Andler 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. (Personnel Review Discussion)

Roll call vote, Andler aye, Schulze aye, Arnold aye, Motiff aye, Aspuro aye, Basten aye and Lang aye, motion carried and the meeting convened to closed session at 6:30 pm.

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Motion by Arnold, second by Lang to reconvene to open session. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:25 pm.

### REPORTS:

Mayor Comments: Mayor Arnold stated that Matthew Schreiber, Director of Planning and Development has left the City position and accepted another job opportunity. She reported that last Saturday's Red Bud Day was very successful. Also, for National Public Works Week; DPW and Wastewater had an open house today.

Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- The CWL crew has been working on the following:

Hwy 89 Project – service relocations  
Electric Conversion at the Country Club  
Open Point Field Inventory  
Electric service upgrades  
Tree Trimming

- On Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, Sup't Kaltenberg attended the WPPI Educational Webinar: 2022 American Public Power Association Legislative Rally Issue Recap with Joseph Owen, Director of Governmental Affairs. He recapped the legislative priorities conveyed to the WPPI Energy Congressional delegation by the 21 public power officials representing 14 communities who attended the 2022 APPA Legislative Rally in Washington D.C. Topics covered will include: Climate Policy and Sustainability, Modernization of Municipal Bonds, Energy Infrastructure and Investments, Local Control, Cybersecurity and Other Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities
- On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, CWL hosted a Lamp Recycling Event. Through our wholesale power supplier, WPPI Energy, the utility contracts with a licensed recycler for the collection of these hazardous materials. Because the contractor serves all 51 WPPI Energy members, they offer very competitive prices, and CWL passes these savings on to you directly. Lamp Recyclers, Inc. of Green Bay is the present vendor.
- On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Accounting Clerk Koenig-Fry and Sup't Kaltenberg met with Annie and Samantha from Farmers and Merchants Union Bank to go over all the different business products they offer in more detail.
- On Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sup't Kaltenberg attended a Zoom meeting with City Human Resources Administrator Stephanie, City Administrator Kyle and James Mastrocola from Ready Rebound on a new benefit for employees for Workers Compensation covered by League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance.
- On Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Sup't Kaltenberg attended the MEUW Annual Conference. Featured speakers were Ellen Nowak; a Commissioner at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and Colin Hansen; a veteran public power leader, who became Chair of the American Public Power Association Board of Directors. He is the CEO & General Manager of Kansas Power Pool, a 24-member joint-action agency.
- To date, 2,337 of 2,346 water meters have been converted to AMI.

Motion by Arnold, second by Lang to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.

**\*\*Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light\*\***

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler  
CWL Commission Secretary