

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 20, 2021

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

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 Basten. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Included in the packet was an article "Gov. Evers announces More Than \$21 Million to Help Wisconsinites Pay Overdue Utility Bills" by GovPress.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the April 15th 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:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the April Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22073-22123 and 37 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$1,133,833.77. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 36 requests totaling \$ 125,841.07. Motion by Andler, second by Basten, to approve paying the 36 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Basten aye, Lang aye, Andler aye, Motiff aye, Arnold aye and Schulze aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Customer-side Lead Lateral Program Update: Kate Leja Brennan, WDNR Grant Rep for CWL, sent over the Columbus 5188-03 Principal Forgiveness Resolution that needs to be approved by the city council and then signed by the mayor and city clerk. The resolution went before the Committee of the Whole on May 18 and is moved forward to the next city council meeting which is June 8th. CWL is approved for \$145,000 for the 2021 season.

Advocacy Campaign for PFAS Testing: PFAS – Perfluoroalkyl & Polyfluoroalkyl Substances, are a large group of human-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1950s. Products that may contain PFAS are firefighting foam, stain resistant carpet & fabric, non-stick cookware and fast food packaging. Areas found to have contamination are larger industrialized cities in the nation & Wisconsin. MEG-Water, which is an advocacy group that Columbus Water & Light belongs to; provided a public communication media response. Co-Sup't Hammer will look into certified laboratories and costs for testing CWL's three wells.

2020 Water Consumer Confidence Report: Each May the CCR is submitted to the DNR and placed on CWL's website for our Utility Customers. In previous years CWL's customers received their copy as a bill stuffer in their monthly Utility Bill each May or June. The EPA and DNR changed the distribution process in 2013 and will now be allowing Water Utilities to post their CCR on their websites in order to cut costs and eliminate the need to print the report. CWL posted the 2020 CCR on our website at:

<https://www.columbuswaterandlight.com/water-department>

REPORTS:

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

Mayor Comments: The Mayor reported that she is learning quite a bit her first couple weeks as Mayor and that she is enjoying working with all the people.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- On April 26th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg filed CWL's COVID-related Quarterly Reporting for Dockets 5-UI-120 (Residential Disconnection) and 5-AF-105 (Utility Reporting) for the reporting period of January 1 – March 31, 2021. In its Supplemental Order on Residential Disconnection – Fourth of April 5, 2021, the Commission ordered all utilities to submit Quarterly Reporting on arrears and collection information, information regarding the utility's plans for communicating with customers about collections and arrears management, and the financial impacts of the utility's arrears.
- On April 27th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg attended the first session of the Joint Action Leadership Certification entitled About WPPI. WPPI has a new educational program that aims to help member utility leaders strengthen their knowledge of WPPI and learn more about the joint action model. WPPI will try to connect program concepts and content back to individual member communities by highlighting their value partnership. The multi-year Joint Action Leadership Certification Program offers two tracks: one for utility managers and other senior leaders at member utilities and the other for Board directors and alternates.
- On April 29th, Co-Sup't Hammer, Lead Lineman Koenig and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg attended the MEUW Electric Operations Expo in Baraboo. The day included two sets of informative breakout sessions, vendor demonstrations, and an expansive trade show featuring dozens of suppliers showcasing the latest products, materials, and technologies.
- On May 6th, Co-Sup't Hammer, Accounting Clerk Koenig-Fry and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg met with Jill Frank from OpenPoint. Things that were discussed were work order accounting and process changes and time sheet changes.
- On April 28th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg spoke with Larry Olson and forwarded the email from Kristie Dunbar from Columbus Schools. Due to the COVID-19 safety protocols in place during this time, the award ceremony was held virtually on May 12th. Larry was gracious enough to provide a recording as our presenter awarding the \$1,500 scholarship to Jacob Kianovsky
- CWL's crew is progressing on the AMI Water Meter Project. To date, 2,231 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

Lineman Appreciation – Presentation for Col Elementary School

Sub 3 power restoration – raccoon contact on power transformer

Farnham St conversion work

Circuit 101 conversion work

Hwy 60 – electric enclosure upgrades

General electric maintenance in various locations throughout city

Parkview Cr. Apartments, - conversion

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Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;

Open Point – Field / System Inventory

Farnham St conversion work

Parkview Cr. Apartments, Faith Dr., Hillside Ln., Tower Dr. – conversion work

Motion by Andler, second by Schulze to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried.

****Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, June 17th, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light****

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler
CWL Commission Secretary