

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

CWL Commission President Lang called the CWL Commission meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Commissioners present: Lang, Andler, Olson, Schulze, Mayor Arnold, Motiff and Basten. Also, present at the meeting was City Administrator Kyle Ellefson, Lead Lineman David Koenig, Co-Superintendent Hammer and Co-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 Olson, second by Basten. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: City Administrator Kyle Ellefson requesting for the Columbus Water and Light Commission to support Economic Development efforts in the City of Columbus. The Commission will discuss an amount to put in the 2022 budget and will approve it in the budget.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the August 19th CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and the Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Olson, second by Arnold. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

2022 CWL Budget Discussion: A rough 'DRAFT' spreadsheet that outlines the 'Plant Additions' that are needed for each of the Utilities in 2022 was reviewed. In the past, 'plant additions' were added if, there were adequate funds for the additions during the fiscal year that they were planned.

Co-Superintendent's Review: At the last Commission meeting it was brought up about putting together a Co-Superintendent's review and a process. Commissioner Olson has reached out to WPPI to find out what other members are doing. He stated this item will have to be tabled until he can go through the responses he received.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the August Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22250-22301 and 38 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$1,385,655.18. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 39 requests totaling \$477,704.39. Motion by Schulze, second by Olson, to approve paying the 39 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Basten aye, Schulze aye, Arnold aye, Andler aye, Lang aye, Olson aye, and Motiff aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Public Power Week Resolutions: Included in this month's packet were resolutions for the City Council and the CWL Commission to approve, recognizing Public Power Week (PPW) 2021. PPW 2021 will be celebrated October 3-9, 2021. Motion by Schulze, second by Basten to approve the resolutions recognizing Public Power Week (PPW) 2021. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

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

Mayor Comments: The Mayor commented that it is currently an interesting budget season.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- The week of August 20th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg worked with Kelanie Davis from WPPI to put together a Public Power bill insert. Prizes were purchased locally from Ace Hardware and with Kelanie's help CWL was able to put together an insert with the actual prizes pictured with an entry form attached. CWL did something similar last year and it went over very well. CWL has already received quite a few entries

with many positive comments.

- On August 24th, The final order was issued for the revised New Load Management Program tariff with an effective date of 9/1/21.
- On August 26th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg received an email from Tim Heinrich from MEUW stating: "We Energies plans to place wireless attachments used for its AMI system gas operations on municipal poles in your area. You are receiving this email because your utility is one of 29 municipal electric utilities that has been identified for the effort. In 2019, We Energies' sister company, Wisconsin Public Service (WPS), undertook a similar effort, and ten MEUW members collaborated to share the cost of developing a pole-attachment agreement template each of them used with WPS. In fact, because of the time saved by using a common agreement, WPS agreed to pay a substantial amount of the legal costs to develop the template. Based on the success of that effort, MEUW is interested in developing a similar template municipal utilities can use with We Energies. We plan to engage Boardman and Clark to develop a new standard pole-attachment agreement for this circumstance, building off of the 2019 WPS agreement. If all of the affected parties collaborate, the anticipated cost will be less than \$500 per utility." Co-Sup't Hammer and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg agreed to participate.
- On September 2nd, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg filed the final order points for our Water Department Authority to Construct an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System for PSC Docket 130-CW-101. Co-Sup't Kaltenberg was informed by the PSC we have completed all the requirements and the reports have been approved and the final order points have been closed.
- On September 17th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg filed the second request for disbursement for private lead service line financial assistance program for \$62,235.00. Out of the 39 lateral replacements scheduled for this year we have been invoiced for 20.
- CWL's crew is progressing on the AMI Water Meter Project. To date, 2,282 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;

Parkview Cr. Apartments, - conversion

Private LSL Replacements & CWL Side LSL Replacements

Dalton Hiley – Apprentice School

Jake Tanner – Hwy 89 Water main Relay

Substation Maintenance at all the substations.

Anticipated work for next 4 weeks;

Farnham St conversion work

Parkview Cr. Apartments conversion work

Private LSL Replacements – CWL side

Motion by Schulze, second by Olson to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.

****Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, October 21st, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light****

Respectfully Submitted,

Brook Andler
CWL Commission Secretary