

COLUMBUS WATER & LIGHT
COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 2021

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

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 Arnold. Motion carried.

Visitor's Comments and Utility Communications: Included in the packet was an article "Lawmakers announce bill to combat extensive 'forever chemical' contamination in Wisconsin by Laura Schulte, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The Consent Agenda which consisted of the September 21st CWL Commission Meeting minutes, Monthly Treasurer's Report and the Outage Report, was approved on a motion from Schulze, second by Olson. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At the last Commission meeting Kyle Ellefson, Columbus City Administrator was in attendance to discuss Columbus Water & Light Support of City of Columbus Economic Development. The Commission reviewed the last ten years of economic development support from Water and Light and what amounts were reimbursed from WPPI. Motion by Olson, second by Basten to approve \$5,000.00 economic support to the City for 2022. Roll call vote, Schulze nay, Motiff aye, Olson aye, Basten aye, Arnold aye and Lang aye. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Cash Disbursements/Accounts Payable Reports: The Commission reviewed the September Cash Disbursements Report. Checks numbered 22302-22346 and 37 wire and ACH transfers, totaled \$1,451,482.50. The Commission reviewed the Accounts Payable Report and ordered paid 33 requests totaling \$274,158.34. Motion by Olson, second by Basten, to approve paying the 33 requests from the AP Report. Roll call vote, Lang aye, Arnold aye, Basten aye, Motiff aye, Schulze aye, and Olson aye. Motion carried. Reports were approved and placed on file.

Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. section 19.85 (1)(f), considering financial, medical, social or personal histories, which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data; specifically, to discuss delinquent utility accounts to be placed on the tax roll. Motion by Schulze, second by Arnold to go into closed session. Roll call vote, Arnold aye, Schulze aye, Lang aye, Olson aye, Motiff aye and Basten aye, motion carried and the meeting convened to closed session at 6:37 pm.

Motion by Arnold, second by Basten to reconvene to open session. Motion carried. The meeting reconvened to open session at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Schulze, second by Motiff, to approve the Eligible Delinquent Utility Accounts to be placed on Tax Roll as presented. Roll call vote, Olson aye, Basten aye, Motiff aye, Lang aye, Schulze aye, and Arnold aye. Motion carried

Appoint CWL Commissioners to serve on Commission/Employee Annual Negotiations Team: Motiff, Andler, and Schulze will serve as the Commissioner Negotiation team this year.

Notice of APPA Legislative Rally: In 2022, the APPA Rally will be held February 28 - March 2, 2022.

2022 CWL Draft Budget Presentation: At this point in time the 2022 CWL Budget is still in the 'DRAFT' stage. The budget will have some minor adjustments going forward that can further be discussed and explained at the November CWL Commission Meeting.

REPORTS:

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

Mayor Comments: The Mayor reported that she will appoint a new commissioner to replace Larry Olson who's term is expiring. She thanked Larry for his years of service on the Commission.

Co-Superintendent Kaltenberg's Report:

- On September 28th, Lead Lineman Koenig and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg met with Tom Lebakken, Eric Anthon and Ken Casper from Forster Engineering to go over the electric SCADA screens. On October 13th, Co-Sup't Hammer and Co-Sup't Kaltenberg met with Aberdeen who reviewed their proposal to provide a firewall and ongoing support for the electric SCADA system.
- On October 12th and 13th, Lead Lineman Koenig attended the MEUW Municipal Utility Leaders Retreat in Mauston. MEUW is bringing together the folks responsible for the safe and efficient operation of municipal electric utilities across Wisconsin with the goal of helping them develop new relationships, skills and ideas to help make their jobs easier.
- On October 12th, Open Point held its second user conference. They presented the business update, outage management system from a utility perspective and OMS features. They also presented major new feature demonstrations on field inventory tools, field activities module and water service locations for tracking cross connections, complaints and meter test.
- On October 14th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg filed CWL's COVID-related quarterly reporting for the reporting period of July 1 – September 30, 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 October 13th, Co-Sup't Kaltenberg filed CWL's third request for disbursement for private lead service line financial assistance program for \$15,541.00. Out of the 39 lateral replacements scheduled for this year CWL has been invoiced for 24.
- 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

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Motion by Olson, second by Basten to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

****Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, November 18th, 6:00 pm at Columbus Water and Light****

Respectfully Submitted,

Rolf Lang
CWL Commission President