

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA, MINNESOTA WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 AT 3:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission Vice-President Marwick called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Present: Commissioners Culbert, Johnson, Marks and Marwick

Absent: Commissioner Raplinger

Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Finance Director; Mary Johnson - Supervisor Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Dennis Lindberg; Carl Baranzelli; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Approved

Item 2 – Motion to approve the agenda by Marks and supported by Culbert. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – Dennis Lindberg appeared before the Commission to address some steam concerns at two of his properties.

Item 4 – Commissioner Marwick stated the next LEA Commission meeting is scheduled October 24, 2017 in Hibbing at 4:30 PM.

Item 5 – (a) and (b) A motion was made by Culbert and supported by Marks that financial resolution No. 5246 - Authorizing the payroll dated August 3, 2017 in the amount of \$104,725.56, checks #49070 through #49075 and direct deposits #27256 through #27320; and the payroll dated August 17, 2017 in the amount of \$99,344.11 checks #49076 through #49081 and direct deposits #27321 through #27383; and the bills dated July 24, 2017 through August 28, 2017 in the amount of \$1,542,088.86, checks #99652 through #99896 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$2,369,340.72 be adopted and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the July 24, 2017 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French stated there was one injury reported for the month resulting in no restrictions or lost time.

Item 7 (a) – Mr. French discussed the Electric Car Charging Station and the proposed location in City Center Park. Mr. French indicated the City Council had some concerns regarding the recent rain event and how that might affect the charging station itself. He stated he would raise those concerns with Minnesota Power, who is responsible for the station, but that there was no reason for concern regarding the underground power to it as VPU has other under-ground power lines in that area and they have not been affected by high water. Mr. French will follow-up with City Administrator See-Benes following discussions with Minnesota Power.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French stated there will be upcoming meetings of the Policy Review Committee to discuss policies that need to reviewed and possibly updated. Any proposed changes will be brought before the Commission for approval.

Item 9 (a) – Mr. French gave an Operations Update stating the power plant is currently producing 14.5 MW of energy off of the wood and coal boilers. He stated #9 coal boiler will be brought down next week to install a new grate drive and at that time the small coal and gas boilers will be brought online to hold the load. Mr. French also updated the Commission stating that both the Xcel Termination Agreement and Grant Contract have been filed and approval is anticipated by the end of December. Commissioner Marwick asked about the MACT testing and Mr. French informed him that all testing was done by the 2nd week of August. Mr. French also informed the Commission that the recent heavy rains resulted in additional steam line repairs and contractors brought in to assist with summer projects will remain to assist with these additional issues. Mr. French also reminded the Commission that the Strategic Planning sessions will address issues in this steam district.

Item 9 (b) – No other items to discuss.

Item (10) – A motion to adjourn at 4:20 was made by Marks and supported by Culbert. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bill Culbert, Secretary

Rob Raplinger, President