

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 22, 2016 AT 3:30 P.M.

Commission Vice-President Marks called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVED

Present: Commissioners Culbert, Johnson, Marks and Marwick
Absent: Commissioner Raplinger
Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Steve Preckel; William Denny and Steven Denny – 3D Concrete & Construction; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – A motion to approve the agenda by Culbert, supported by Marwick, motion carried.

Item 3 – Steve Preckel and William Denny of 3D Concrete & Construction addressed the commission regarding a steam damage claim that had been reviewed and denied by the Utility's insurance provider, LMCIT. Both Mr. Preckel and Mr. Denny spoke to the damage that had occurred and stated why they disagreed with the determination. Mr. French acknowledged that Steve had a terrible problem, but stated there was nothing more the Utility could do. Per the determination of LMCIT and consultation with City Attorney Butorac, Mr. French stated that if Mr. Preckel wanted to pursue the issue further his next course of action would be to challenge the determination directly with LMCIT. The commission agreed.

Item 4 – Notice of LEA Meeting on October 25, 2016 at 4:30 pm, following the regular VPU Commission meeting.

Item 5 – (a) and (b) – A motion was made by Marwick and supported by Johnson that financial resolution No. 5230 – Authorizing the payroll dated August 4, 2016 in the amount of \$122,017.23 checks #48931 through #48937 and direct deposits #25419 through #25489; and the payroll dated August 18, 2016 in the amount of \$116,755.62 checks #48938 through #48951 and direct deposits #25490 through #25562; and the bills dated July 27, 2016 through August 22, 2016 in the amount of \$2,408,035.32, checks #96938 through #97160 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$272,671.93 be adopted. The same motion approved the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for the July 25, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French stated there were no reported injuries for the month.

Item 8 (a) – A motion was made by Culbert and supported by Marwick to approve the travel request for one lineman to attend training; September 13-16, 2016; Marshall, MN.

Item 9 (a) – Mr. French reported that we have been running 15 megawatts off #5 and #6 turbine generators with #11 wood and #9 coal boilers. He noted that we've continued to have great compliance with the wood boiler since the addition of the gas burners last August. Mr. French also updated the commission on the MNDOT project. He stated he's been made aware of some overruns due to rock and unstable materials encountered. He further stated that the gas project is moving quickly and is anticipated to be completed by our September deadline.

Commissioner Marks adjourned the meeting at 3:59.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bill Culbert, Secretary

Rob Raplinger, President