

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, JUNE 25, 2018 AT 3:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission President Raplinger called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM.

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Marwick, Petroskey and Raplinger

Absent: Commissioner Culbert

Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Finance Director; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council

Approved

Item 2 – Commissioner Raplinger noted that Item 8 (c) - -MMUA Summer Conference was added to the agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Petroskey and supported by Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 – Mr. French stated the next LEA meeting was tentatively scheduled for July 24, 2018 at 4:30 in Hibbing.

Item 5 – (a) and (b) A motion was made by Petroskey and supported by Marwick that financial resolution No. 5261 - Authorizing the payroll dated May 24, 2018 in the amount of \$106,398.83, direct deposits #28667 through #28732 and the payroll dated June 7, 2018 in the amount of \$106,538.40, direct deposits #28733 through #28797, and the payroll dated June 21, 2018 in the amount of \$99,109.93, direct deposits #28798 through #28864; and the bills dated May 21, 2018 through June 25, 2018 in the amount of \$1,663,340.34, checks #101731 through #102006 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$2,843,769.11 be adopted and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the May 21, 2018 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 – Mr. French indicated Cliffs Mining had to put significant engineering efforts into protecting our raw water source before they could get a permit from the DNR. Barr Engineering, on behalf of Cliffs, put together a study and drawing showing the stages of dewatering. Mr. French indicated he was very happy with the study's findings and reviewed the drawing depicting pit reactions to the Rouchleau Pit dewatering with the Commission. He further stated Cliffs and Barr Engineering would be presenting the report to the City.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French recommended the Commission approve the travel request for the Director – SWG and 2 service persons to attend the MEA Regional Gas Operations Technical Summit to be held August 13-16, 2018 in Rochester, MN. A motion was made by Petroskey and supported by Marwick to approve the request.

Item 8 (b) – Mr. Hafdahl handed out the 2017 Audit Report and reviewed it with the Commission. A motion was made by Marwick and supported by Petroskey to accept the report.

Item 8 (c) – Mr. French discussed the MMUA Summer Conference scheduled to be held August 20-22, 2018 in Alexandria, MN. He stated attendance has typically been open to himself, Mr. Hafdahl and any commissioner interested in attending. A motion to approve attendance by Mr. French, Mr. Hafdahl and any interested commissioners was made by Johnson and supported by Petroskey.

Item 9 (a) - Mr. French stated that the plant was producing 14 megawatts of power off the coal boiler and that the wood boiler was down for maintenance. Mr. French also informed the Commission that Xcel Energy was confident that North Dakota would approve the termination agreement by June 27th, therefore, the termination and first payment should take place on Monday, July 2nd. Mr. French further discussed the conversion stating everything has been falling into place. He stated to date Mr. Hafdahl has processed fifty-six loans, and the contractor has placed eighty services and is on pace to be done by the end of August. He indicated he is planning to have the contractors work through mid-October opening opportunities for additional services to be installed over the 300 guaranteed for this year. Commissioner Johnson complimented Gulbranson Excavating and Radotich Inc on the quality of their work.

Item 9 (b) – None

Item 10 – A motion to adjourn at 4:00 was made by Marwick and supported by Petroskey. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bill Culbert, Secretary

Rob Raplinger, President