

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, MAY 23, 2016 AT 3:30 P.M.

Commission President Raplinger called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

APPROVED

Present: Commissioners Culbert, Marks, Johnson, Marwick and Raplinger
Absent: None
Also Present: Greg French – General Manager, Bill Hafdahl – Finance Director; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

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

Item 4 – Notice of LEA Meeting on May 23, 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. 5226 – Authorizing the payroll dated April 28, 2016 in the amount of \$106,684.28 checks #48878 through #48883 and direct deposits #24923 through #24992; and the payroll dated May 12, 2016 in the amount of \$106,449.15 checks #48884 through #48889 and direct deposits #24993 through #25062; and the bills dated April 25, 2016 through May 23, 2016 in the amount of \$1,352,085.34, checks #96272 through #96471 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$606,358.51 be adopted. Item 5 (c) – Mr. Hafdahl discussed the Liability Waiver stating it is something that is done every year. Commissioner Raplinger asked if the waiver was the Utility's election not to waive the statutory limit and Mr. Hafdahl responded that was a perfect way to explain it. The same motion that approved the financial resolution also approved the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for the April 25, 2016 meeting and the Liability Waiver. Motion carried.

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

Item 8 (a) – Commissioner Raplinger stated the Personnel Committee met to review the proposed AFSCME contract and the recommendation of the committee was to approve the contract as negotiated. A motion was made by Culbert and supported by Marks to accept the contract. Motion carried. Commissioner Raplinger congratulated the negotiators on a successful contract.

Item 8 (b) – Mr. French stated that extensive upgrades to the power plant elevator were identified during a state inspection completed last year. Since so much work was needed, the bid included the base cost for repairs, to comply with inspection findings, as well as an alternate cost to replace the direct drive motor. Noah Hines, Plant Maintenance Supervisor, recommended moving forward with the low bidder, Larson Elevator Company. A motion was made by Marks and supported by Culbert to approve the base and alternate cost bid submitted by Larson Elevator Company. Motion carried.

Item 9 (a) – French reported #6 turbine generator ran the last week of April, but came offline due to governing control issues. Repairs took about a week, but there were issues bringing the unit online due to throttle valve problems. It did come back online last Thursday and currently we have been running about 17 megawatts with the wood boiler and a coal boiler. During the April outage, we were able to test and utilize our new bypass piping system. The steam headers are now back online with three new valves that had to be replaced as a result of the August 1, 2014 incident.

Item 9 (b) – Mr. Hafdahl indicated that the 2015 CIP report is due 6/1/2016 and it will be the first report where we will completely meet all CIP mandates including those for residential programs. Mr. Hafdahl also stated that AEOA began working on the residential program this month. He also indicated that six commercial lighting rebates were issued this year.

Commissioner Raplinger called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Marks and supported by Johnson. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bill Culbert, Secretary

Rob Raplinger, President