

Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting, City Council Chambers
Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 5:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Dybing, Jeff Boland, and Don Bell

Absent: None

Staff Present: Jerod Wagner

Visitors: Bonita Underbakke, Mike Wombacher, Shari Qualy, Jim and Pam Watson, Matt and Jessica Schnebly, Amy McCall, Todd and Michelle Hook, Erik Wrede, and Jason Resseman.

Regular Meeting:

Commissioner Dybing called the regular meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Jeff Boland requested the addition of Wastewater Treatment Facility to the Floodplain Discussion, as well as a notice under Miscellaneous. Administrator Peterson requested the addition of Smartpak Automatic Compactor to Miscellaneous as well. Member Dybing motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Member Boland seconded the motion. Agenda was approved by consensus.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Boland motioned to approve the Consent agenda as submitted. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 16th, 2019
 - Accounts Payable
- C. Council Liaison Update:** Member Smith noted that the 2018 City and LPU audits had been reviewed as well as the Council approved making changes to the Economic Development Authority. Smith also noted that the Public Hearing for the Wastewater Treatment Facility was well attended.
- D. Staff Update:** Jerod Wagner reported a new water meter was installed in the Red Hotel. Requests have also been received for a 400-amp service at the old creamery building as well as for a change to the electrical system for a home on Dupont.

Regular Business

- A. MN Energy Pole Attachment Agreement:** Members requested a proposed pole rate, discussion to be continued next month.
- B. Floodplain Discussion and WWTF:** Member Don Bell requested to read a prepared statement. At the end of the statement Bell motioned to place a moratorium on the Wastewater Treatment Facility discussion to look at additional locations. Member Jeff Boland seconded the motion. The motion passed with members Bell and Boland voting yes, member Dybing voted no.
- C. MISO – On call time:** Wagner referenced the January 30th, 2019 emergency, noting the importance of having staff on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. \$1.8 million were levied against facilities that were not able to run generation that day.
- D. Continued Business:**
 - 1. Power Plant:** Member Bell motioned to approve the quote from Bolander to complete the initial investigation and excavation for the wall at the light plant. Member Boland seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
 - 2. Solar Field:** A high voltage line still needs to be installed to bring the solar field on line. LPU will be working with MiEnergy to complete the installation, the bill for this service

will then be submitted to Blue Earth Renewables for reimbursement. Once the project is complete to our satisfaction, additional paperwork will need to be completed.

3. **Ceko Waterline:** Wagner reported that approximate depth of the water lines had been determined, noting the possibility of adding additional gravel to a low portion of the road which would add insulation to the pipe. Wagner will also try to measure the depth of the manhole and reach out to the adjacent property owner to determine future water service plans.

A. Miscellaneous:

1. **Jeff Boland:** Member Boland stated he was resigning from the commission effective immediately, he will provide Administrator Peterson with a letter to share with the City Council.
2. **Smartpak Automatic Compactor:** Member Bell motioned to recommend to the Council the use of the Garbage funds for the initial installation and 2019 lease rates. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried with members Bell and Dybing voting in favor, and member Boland voting no.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 15th, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Motion was made by Commissioner Bell to adjourn the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission at 6:43 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Boland. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk