

**Lanesboro Public Utilities
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 20, 2021 10:00 a.m.
Lanesboro Community Center Meeting Room and Zoom**

Present: Jon Pieper, Don Bell, and Elliot Riggott

Absent: None

Staff Present: None

Visitors: Council Member [Mindy Albrecht-Benson](#), [Jake Pichelmann](#), and John Hare, and Gary Price

Regular Meeting:

Commissioner Pieper called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- A. Agenda:** Member Riggott motioned to approve the agenda with removal of item A Regular Business, and moving Rate Study to the top of Regular Business. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
- B. Consent Agenda:** Member Riggott motioned to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.
 - Minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 15, 2021
 - Accounts Payable
- C. Wastewater Treatment Facility Update:** [Jake Pichelmann](#) of Bolton & Menk provided an update on the Treatment Facility project. The project is on schedule and going well, it is approximately 20% complete at this time. Additional discussion was had regarding a future trail for those wishing to exit the river at this location.
- D. Staff Update:** Administrator Peterson shared the following information from Supervisor Wagner:
 - During the UMMEG meeting pricing was discussed with higher congestion charges than normal from Dairyland Power. The Annual Meeting will be in LaCrosse at Dairyland Power. A special guest speaker will be there to discuss battery storage.
- E. City Council Update:** City Council is in the beginning stages of discussing the 2022 budget.

Regular Business

- A. Rate Study, Gary Price:** Mr. Price presented his findings on the preliminary rate study as requested. The analysis compared present rates, as well as suggested rate structures with additional insights into expenditures.
- B. Electric Rates:** Member Pieper motioned to recommend the following rate structure to the City Council.

| Electric | |
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| Electric Connection | \$750.00 |
| Green Power monthly | \$2.00 |
| City Service charge monthly | \$400.00 |
| Security Lights monthly | \$7.75 |
| City Street Lights usage per kWh | \$0.0958 |
| Residential Base monthly | \$41.06 |
| Commercial Base 1 Phase monthly | \$100.00 |
| Commercial Base 3 Phase monthly | \$120.00 |
| Electric usage per kWh | \$0.0958 |

Member Bell seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

- C. **Solar Connections:** Members noted a desire to be proactive and consider possibly providing a service in the future.
- D. **2022 Capital Projects:** Members reviewed the current Capital Improvement Budget and requested that Supervisor Wagner provide some estimated costs for the line items.
- E. **Continued Business:**
 - a. **2021 2022 Rebate Form:** Discussion will be continued.
 - b. **Vehicle Discussion:** Member Riggott motioned to implement mileage reimbursement immediately for personal use of vehicles for work. Member Pieper seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor. Member Pieper motioned to accept the state bid amount of \$28,250 for a 2021 Ford F150 XL. Member Riggott seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjourn Regular Meeting: Motion was made by Commissioner Riggott to adjourn the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Commission at 11:04 a.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell. Motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk