

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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 AT 3:30 P.M.

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

APPROVED

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Marks, Marwick and Raplinger

Absent: Commissioner Culbert

Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Finance Director; Nancee Strgar – Human Resources/Safety Director; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – President Raplinger requested to modify the agenda adding Item 8 (c) under New Business to discuss electric charging stations for cars. As there were no objections the item was added. Motion to approve the agenda by Johnson and supported by Marks, motion carried.

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 Marks and supported by Johnson that financial resolution No. 5231 – Authorizing the payroll dated September 1, 2016 in the amount of \$114,114.13 checks #48952 through #48966 and direct deposits #25563 through #25634; and the payroll dated September 15, 2016 in the amount of \$120,878.15 checks #48967 through #48971 and direct deposits #25635 through #25708; and the bills dated August 22, 2016 through September 26, 2016 in the amount of \$1,857,255.78, checks #97161 through #97440 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$2,279,987.17 be adopted. The same motion approved the Regular Commission Meeting Minutes for the August 22, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French stated there was one minor injury reported for the month which resulted in no lost time or restrictions. He commended VPU employees for a great safety record this year.

Item 8 (a) – A motion was made by Marks and supported by Johnson to approve the travel request for the Accounting Supervisor to attend Front Line Supervisor Training; October 12-14, 2016; Plymouth, MN. Motion carried.

Item 8 (b) – Mr. French explained that Resolution No. 5232 – Mutual Aid Assistance (MMUA) needs to be in place to receive FEMA reimbursement in the event of an emergency. He stated this is something VPU should have in place and though we are a part of MMUA's group and have mutual aid with neighboring cities this is on a larger scale. Mr. French further explained that approval of the resolution would give him and Mr. Hafdahl the authority to sign the agreement. Motion by Marks and supported by Johnson to approve Resolution No. 5232. Motion carried.

Item 8 (c) – Commissioner Raplinger spoke about the possibility of looking into electric car chargers indicating there may be a program to allow for installation. He stated there are chargers along the North Shore but nothing local or on this side of Duluth. He stated this may be a good time to consider and called the Coop to inquire about interest. He was told there may be interest after more facts/information has been gathered. Mr. French will check with MMUA Staff to find if these charging stations are typically private or publicly owned.

Item 9 (a) – Mr. French reported that we've been running 19 megawatts off #11 wood, #7 and #9 coal boilers. He noted that the new control equipment for #10 boiler should be completed this week making the #10 gas boiler available for the coal boiler outage scheduled for the entire month of October. Mr. French also gave a Highway 53 update stating the TBS (Town Border Station) project should be completed next week. Additionally he indicated there have been some overruns due to rock and unstable materials encountered.

Item 9 (b) – Mr. Hafdahl gave a CIP Update. Commissioner Raplinger inquired as to what rebates are available to customers and Mr. Hafdahl stated there are rebates for refrigerators, ECM, heat pumps and dehumidifiers. Additionally AEOA's low income program generates gas savings which we convert to electric savings to meet our mandated 1-1/2% savings.

A motion to adjourn at 4:20 was made by Marks and supported by Johnson. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bill Culbert, Secretary

Rob Raplinger, President