

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, JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 3:30 P.M.

Approved

Item 1. - Commission President Marwick called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

Present: Commissioners Makowsky, Marwick, Petroskey and Teasck
Absent: Commissioner Johnson
Also Present: Greg French - General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Assistant General Manager, Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – Item 7 (b) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) - A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky that financial resolution No. 5301 - Authorizing the payroll dated December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$113,145.00, direct deposits #33378 through #33445; and the payroll dated January 14, 2021 in the amount of \$110,411.16, direct deposits #33446 through #33513; and the bills dated December 23, 2020 through January 25, 2021 in the amount of \$1,904,226.87, checks #109501 through #109752 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,628,710.22; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of December 2020 in the amount of <\$14,091.40> be adopted; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the December 28, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 (a) – Mr. French stated there were two injuries reported resulting in no restrictions or lost time.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French informed the Commission that VPU staff has researched disconnections for non-payment, during the pandemic, with both MMUA and other NEMPPA municipalities. Based on the findings of these communications, Mr. French recommended the Commission approve a motion giving management the right to begin disconnects for non-payment. A motion was made by Commissioner Teasck and supported by Commissioner Petroskey giving VPU management the right to disconnect power to customers that haven't communicated with staff to set a payment arrangement, or have shown proof of financial hardship due to COVID. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck to approve Resolution #5302- Update Small Tariff Rates for 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French informed the Commission that Minnesota Power will be working on the #306 feed breaker this Wednesday. He also stated the plant is producing 105,000 lbs/hr of steam off #11 wood and #7 coal boilers, and generating 5 megawatts off of #5 turbine. Finally, Mr. French stated that there will be a crane set up outside of the plant wall adjacent to 6th Avenue requiring the avenue to be closed down sometime around mid-February for a day or two. He stated VPU will inform the police and fire departments, the school, and the city in advance of the road closure.

Item 8 (b) - None

Item 9 – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck to adjourn at 4:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President