

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, JULY 26, 2021 AT 3:30 P.M.

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

**Approved**

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Makowsky, Marwick, Petroskey and Teasck  
Absent: None  
Also Present: Greg French - General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Assistant General Manager; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 (b) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky 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 Teasck that financial resolution No. 5308 - Authorizing the payroll dated July 1, 2021 in the amount of \$104,722.17, direct deposits #34241 through #34305; and the payroll dated July 15, 2021 in the amount of \$107,519.15, direct deposits #34306 through #34370; and the bills dated June 28, 2021 through July 26, 2021 in the amount of \$1,199,832.20, checks #110806 through #111013 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,077,566.52; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of June 2021 in the amount of \$2009.79; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the June 28, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 (a) – Commissioner Marwick stated there were no injuries reported for the month.

Item 6 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to accept the 2020 Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 (b) – A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to offer the heat conversion loan program and gas service install to electric and non-commodity heating customers for the 2022 year only. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (a) – Mr. Hafdahl reviewed the 2020 Annual CIP Report noting that VPU significantly exceeded both spending and saving requirements.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French stated VPU is creating 38,000 lbs/hr of steam with #7 coal boiler. He further stated there are some gas valves being replaced in the plant. Once that work is completed, the plant will switch to burning gas until VPU has another unit train of coal contract in place, and then switch back to coal. Mr. French also stated that the Fire Tender and Fuel Handler positions were eliminated, and merged into a new position, Utility Worker, which was implemented last week. Mr. French also updated on the water line running under the Highway 53 bridge. He stated now that the platform design is complete, VPU has been looking for quotes. However, due to the current labor shortage, he stated it has been tough to find a contractor to perform the work.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included the June 25th power outage.

Item 9 – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky to adjourn at 3:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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James Petroskey, Secretary

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Jeff Marwick, President