

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, MAY 23, 2022 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; Cassandra Belak – Accounting Supervisor; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Devin Ceglar – Walker, Giroux & Hahne

Item 2 – Mr. French requested the addition of 7 (c) – Approve 2023-2025 City of Virginia Street Project Feasibility Report be added to the agenda. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the amended meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) and (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Teasck that financial resolution No. 5320 - Authorizing the payroll dated May 5, 2022 in the amount of \$99,529.72, direct deposits #35598 through #35655; and the payroll dated May 19, 2022 in the amount of \$123,162.62, direct deposits #35656 through #35714; and the bills dated April 25, 2022 through May 23, 2022 in the amount of \$1,010,503.75, checks #112842 through #113018 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$315,030.29; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of April 2022 in the amount of \$3694.89; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the April 25, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 (a) – Mr. French reported there was one injury reported for the month resulting in no restrictions or lost time.

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French gave a 3<sup>rd</sup> Street N Water Project update stating VPU will advertise the project this week with bids opening June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Item 7 (a) – Devin Ceglar, of Walker, Giroux & Hahne, presented the 2021 audited financial statement to the Commission. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Makowsky not only thanked Mr. Ceglar for the presentation, but also commended Mr. Hafdahl and Ms. Belak on a job well done.

Item 7 (b) – Mr. French stated the City Council requested a 5-year future outlook of the core steam district. He presented the plan to the Commission stating that after 2021, a yearly analysis will be done, and adjustments made as necessary. A motion to approve sending the recap, as presented, to the City Council was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (c) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Approve 2023-2025 City of Virginia Street Project Feasibility Report and acknowledge support of the City project. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the new boiler has been running for over 3 weeks, and is producing 17,000-30,000 lb/hr of steam. He further explained the boiler has a modulating feature, which functions similar to a thermostat, turning the unit on/off based on heat and pressure levels. Mr. French also informed the Commission of two city street projects that will begin soon; 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue W (North of Chestnut) and Southern Drive. Lastly, Mr. French stated that after nearly a year from startup to completion, the new substation will be online tomorrow.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included alternate uses for the wood boiler, as well as the growing industry of cyber mining.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 4:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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James Petroskey, Secretary

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Jeff Marwick, President