

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, OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 3:30 P.M.

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

**Approved**

- Present: Commissioners Johnson, Makowsky, Petroskey and Teasck
- Absent: Commissioner Marwick
- Also Present: Greg French - General Manager; Bill Hafdahl – Assistant General Manager; Cassandra Belak – Director of Finance; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Charlie Baribeau – Virginia City Council; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) and (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve financial resolution No. 5329 - Authorizing the payroll dated October 6, 2022 in the amount of \$92,269.84, direct deposits #36227 through #36279; and the payroll dated October 20, 2022 in the amount of \$93,472.26, direct deposits #36280 through #36333; and the bills dated September 26, 2022 through October 21, 2022 in the amount of \$1,062,037.35, checks #113803 through #113979 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,004,562.78; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of September 2022 in the amount of \$4757.77; and to approve the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the September 26, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French updated the Commission on the Public Safety Building Substation indicating the overhead build from the substation to City Feeder #1 is complete, and the new substation is supplying City Feeder #4 along with part of City Feeder #1.

Item 7 (a) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Makowsky to approve the travel request for one lineman to attend MMUA’s transformer school on December 13-16, 2022, in Marshall, MN. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the plant is producing approximately 40,000 lb/hr with #7 coal boiler. He further stated VPU will be done burning coal by the end of the year, and the new package boiler should be ready to go at that time. Other updates included VPU crews have been flushing hydrants and making repairs as necessary, there have been a few random water breaks, as well as some issues with the college manhole which are related to a sump pump. Additionally, Mr. French informed the commission he will be reaching out to the college engineer regarding the incentive VPU has offered.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Water Project, patches needing to be done before winter on Northside gas installs, brownouts in other parts of the country and the ability for VPU to run the turbines if necessary, and EV charging stations.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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James Petroskey, Secretary

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Jeff Marwick, President