

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, APRIL 24, 2023 AT 3:30 P.M.

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

Approved

Present: Commissioners Johnson, Marwick, and Petroskey
Absent: Commissioners Baribeau and Makowsky
Also Present: Greg French - General Manager; Cassandra Belak – Director of Finance; Mary Johnson – Supervisor – Customer Relations; Liz Motley – 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. 5336 - Authorizing the payroll dated April 6, 2023 in the amount of \$80,316.70, direct deposits #36902 through #36948; and the payroll dated April 20, 2023 in the amount of \$83,617.37, direct deposits #36949 through #36995; and the bills dated March 27, 2023 through April 21, 2023 in the amount of \$1,119,427.25, checks #114789 through #114914 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,056,698.09; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of March 2023 in the amount of <\$25,047.41>; the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the March 27, 2023 meeting; and the Waiver of Liability Coverage. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 6 (a) – Mr. French gave a Malone Hall demolition update stating asbestos removal has begun, and the contractor, TNT, is expected to begin demolition in late June to mid-July.

Item 6 (b) – Mr. French revisited the EPA mandated inventory of water service materials. He stated the mandate was a spinoff of the Flint, Michigan lead issues. He further explained VPU is following MDH recommendations on data collection methods.

Item 7 (a) – Mr. French gave a NEMMPA Contract update stating a recent analysis showed VPU saved \$2.3 M in 2022 versus pricing VPU would have paid to Minnesota Power under the contract that was renegotiated. He further explained the savings directly impacted the customers by a reduction in fuel adjustments that would have been billed.

Item 7 (b) – Mr. French stated VPU just received a draft of the MCE Gas Contract last Thursday which will need to be reviewed by the Duncan, Weinberg, Genzer, Pembroke Law Firm who also did contract reviews for New Ulm, Owatonna, and Austin Utilities. He further stated he is hoping the contract will be ready for additional discussion, and possible approval at the May meeting.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating both of the new package boilers have been running well, and are producing about 40,000 – 42,000 lbs/hr of steam.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included water breaks. Mr. French will have a report at the next meeting.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn at 3:41 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President