

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 22, 2024 AT 3:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission President Marwick called the meeting to order at 3:44 P.M.

Approved

Present: Commissioners Hale, Johnson, Makowsky, Marwick and Petroskey
Absent: None
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 Hale to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 – None

Item 4 (a) and (b) - A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to approve financial resolution No. 5346 - Authorizing the payroll dated December 28, 2023 in the amount of \$83,514.41, direct deposits #37830 through #37878; and the payroll dated January 11, 2024 in the amount of \$87,454.46, direct deposits #37879 through #37927; and the bills dated December 25, 2023 through January 19, 2024 in the amount of \$709,125.18, checks #116195 through #116303 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$1,066,027.42; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of December 2023 in the amount of \$275.30; and the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the December 27, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Item 5 (b) – In response to the Strategic Planning Steam System Discussion, Commissioner Marwick recommended a motion be made regarding the Commissions’ decision to discontinue providing steam heat to the remaining core district. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson that as of October 31, 2026, Virginia Public Utilities will no longer provide steam heat and will utilize the same conversion program as implemented in the past. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 (a) – None

Item 7 (a) – Ms. Belak reviewed the 2024 tariff rates with the Commission noting this is something that is done annually. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #5347 – Update Small Tariff Rates for 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the plant was running about 57,000 lbs/hr of steam with the recent cold spell, and utilized both units splitting the load between them. He further stated that the Line Crew has been working on building the infrastructure for the new public safety building.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion was had regarding the status of water breaks.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Hale and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to adjourn at 3:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

James Petroskey, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President