

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 27, 2025 AT 3:30 P.M.

Item 1. - Commission President Marwick called the meeting to order at 3:30 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; Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

Item 2 – A motion was made by Commissioner Hale 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 Johnson and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to approve financial resolution No. 5361- Authorizing the payroll dated December 26, 2024 in the amount of \$85,555.47, direct deposits #38918 through #38961; and the payroll dated January 9, 2025 in the amount of \$88,878.16, direct deposits #38962 through #39004; and the payroll dated January 23, 2025 in the amount of \$82,485.69, direct deposits #39005 through #39047; and the bills dated December 23, 2024 through January 24, 2025 in the amount of \$967,593.54, checks #117950 through #118095 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$2,077,354.06; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of December 2024 in the amount of \$3,890.53; and the Regular Commission Meeting minutes from the December 23, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 (a) – Mr. French stated there was one injury reported resulting in a minor loss of time and no restrictions.

Item 6 (a) – None

Item 7 (a) – Mr. French stated that VPU is looking to sell a small electric service truck that is no longer in use. He stated the City has been using the truck since VPU put a new truck into service, and it is his recommendation that the Commission approve the sale of the truck to the City for \$20K. He further stated VPU and City staff determined the purchase price to be at a fair price. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Hale to sell the truck for \$20K. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 (b) – Ms. Belak explained that Resolution #5362 is for the updated Cogeneration and Small Power Production Tariff for VPU's Solar Program. She further stated this is something that is done annually and noted the rate went down slightly from last year. A motion was made by Commissioner Petroskey and supported by Commissioner Johnson to approve Resolution #5362 – Update Small Tariff Rates for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 8 (a) – Mr. French gave an operations update stating the plant has been running approximately 50,000 lbs/hr of steam due to colder temps. He stated that while the system can be held on one boiler, the plant is utilizing both boilers as a precaution should one of the units fail. Additionally, Mr. French stated that the application VPU submitted to the Minnesota Electric Grid Resilience Grants Program for the Switchgear Replacement Project has been selected to receive funding for a portion of the project cost that was submitted. He further stated VPU will be contacted by the Minnesota Commerce Department in the near future to begin the contract negotiation process. An amount is yet to be determined, but Mr. French stated he would keep the Commission updated.

Item 8 (b) – Other discussion included the electrical infrastructure for the Mall and an update on recent water breaks. Additionally, there was discussion about the new bridge that crosses in front of the power plant, and the possible need to put up signage cautioning users of potential thin ice. Mr. French stated he would reach out to the City as this would be something they are responsible for.

Item (9) – A motion was made by Commissioner Hale and supported by Commissioner Petroskey to adjourn at 3:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Bruce Johnson, Secretary

Jeff Marwick, President