

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, SEPTEMBER 8, AT 3:30 P.M.

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

Approved

Present: Commissioners Marwick, Hale and Makowsky  
Absent: Commissioner: Johnson  
Also Present: Greg French – General Manager; Cassandra Belak – Finance Director; Nancee Ronne – HR & Safety Director, Representative – Virginia Public Access TV

A motion was made by Hale and supported by Makowski to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 7(b) Discuss MPCA Fast Charging Corridor, Phase 2 Project, Motion carried.

Item 4(a) -A motion was made by Makowsky and supported by Hale that financial resolution No. 5370 – Authorizing the payroll dated August 7, 2025 in the amount of \$80,158.49, direct deposits #39589 through #39629 and the payroll dated August 21, 2025 in the amount of \$76,539.72, direct deposits #39630 through #39670; and the bills dated July 28, 2025 through August 22, 2025 in the amount of \$1,206,081.80, checks #118936 through #119072 and wire and electronic transfers in the amount of \$922,393.16; and Net Payment Adjustments for the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$2,326.54.

Item 4 (b) – The same motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2025 meeting with changes to dates in item 7(c): Second sentence – The first occurred on June 27<sup>th</sup> (correction of September 27<sup>th</sup>), and the fifth sentence: The second outage occurred last Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> (correction of September 23<sup>rd</sup>).

Item 5(a) - Mr. French reported that there was one reported work-related injury. An employee working on the outside crew incurred a laceration to his leg when a grinder “kicked-back”. The injured employee incurred a lost-time occurrence resulting in a two (2) week absence. Mr. French added that the outside crew employees will be receiving additional safety training for reacting to lacerations and injuries.

Item 6(a) – Mr. French reported that The Progress Parkway Gas Main Relocation Project has been completed.

Item 6(b) – Mr. French reported that Bougalis has been awarded the “slab” construction for the Electric Distribution Building, which should be completed by the end of September.

Item 7(a) – Mr. French reported the need for a generator for the Line Crew Garage. Power Outages have caused problems/difficulty for the Line Crew to open the large garage doors in order to get trucks and equipment out to respond to the outages.

Item 7(b) – Mr. French requested further discussion on the MPCA DC Fast Charging Corridor, Phase 2 Project. An Agreement was provided to Commissioners. The project cost estimate is \$87,517.00 with a grant available to cover all project costs; VPU would maintain the charging station. Mr. French added that the technology has advanced with the charging stations and asked the Commissioners to review with further discussion and action to take place at the next meeting.

Item 8(a) - Mr. French reported the power plant has been running at approximately 28,000 lbs/hour. Currently, there are 3 Sprung Services Temporary Operators on staff, with one VPU Operator out on a leave of absence. One Lineworker has submitted his resignation; ads have been placed to replace the position and one previous Lineworker has expressed interest in returning. October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the annual Wellness and Benefits Fair to be held at the Elks Club, invitations will be sent. Mr. French added that discussions and planning continue with AMI metering upgrades.

Commissioner Marwick inquired as to the status of the steam conversion. Mr. French stated that all residents that have not responded will be soon receiving another notice with the reminder of the “deadline” to convert.

Commissioner Makowsky inquired about the completion of the asphalt on the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> St So and 4<sup>th</sup>; adding that there may be another water leak in the area as he has noticed “puddles” continue to present. Mr. French will check on the status of the project.

Moved by Hale and supported by Makowsky to adjourn. Motion carried. There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commission President Marwick declared the meeting adjourned at 3:56 PM. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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Bruce Johnson, Secretary

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Jeff Marwick, President