



**Utility Advisory Board – Minutes
November 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm
Technology Center – 910 Technology Parkway**

Meeting Called to Order: 3:03pm

I. Roll Call

Present: Bob Elliot (UAB Chair), Dan Carmichael, Joe Orlikowski, and Richard Ohlinger. Claude McKibben and Dan Lundquist were absent. A quorum of four was present.

Also present: Mayor Chet Olson, Jeff Fiegenschuh (City Manager), Chris Cardott (COR), Sarah Brooks (COR), Scott Koteski (RMU), Adam Lanning (RMU), Barb Bell (RMU), Jason Bird (RMU), Judy Witasik (RMU), Jared Johnson (RMU).

II. Approval of September 20th 2017 UAB Minutes

Motion – To approve September 20, 2017 minutes

Maker – Richard Ohlinger

Second – Joe Orlikowski

Voice Vote – Motion Carried

III. City Manager Update (Jeff Fiegenschuh)

a. Strategic Planning Update

Two key stakeholder planning dialog sessions with 15 people each will be held in December.

b. Budget Workshops

Passed out budget packets.

IV. Customer Service (Barbara Bell)

a. Summer Saver Program Update

Ran from June through September. 2017 had 140 customers enrolled.

b. 2018 Electric Rates

No increase on January 1. Will do cost of service study June 2018.

V. Electrical Enterprise Update (Jason Bird)

a. Financial Update as of September 2017 - Chris Cardott (see website)

b. Third Line to Dekalb

Nothing new to report.

c. Steward Road 138

Poles are in. Should be back in service by the middle of December. Will finish under budget.

d. Energy Production Contract

RFP – NextEra Energy got the contract. Now is \$28.63 per megawatt-hour. Prior contract was with Constellation at \$41.77 per megawatt-hour.

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- e. NIMPA Cost for Power
7% decrease which is \$1.2 million in savings. NIMPA meetings are monthly and rotate locations so Rochelle hosts every third meeting.

VI. Water/Water Reclamation Update (Adam Lanning)

- a. Financial Update as of September 2017 - Chris Cardott (see website)
- b. Water
 - i. Operations Report
Water produced a total of 81.2 million gallons with a daily average flow of 2.62 million gallons.
 - ii. Well 11(Flagg Road) Project
All easements were acquired and construction was started. Inside work will be done over the winter so it should be operational this spring.
 - iii. Well 12 (Hayes Road) Radium Update
3rd and 4th quarter radium samples above the MCL limits. Pump has been turned down from 1200 gal/min. to 800 gal/min. Will do 1st quarter 2018 sample in March to hopefully have Well 11 complete. Working to hire ISU to investigate the radium problem.
 - iv. Well 10 (Southview) Project
Council approved Willett Hofmann to design the rebuild.
 - v. Cityworks Update
Using Cityworks software on mobile devices to track all maintenance related activities for all City departments.
- c. Water Reclamation
 - i. Operations Report
Treated 81.2 million gallons with a daily average flow of 2.62 million gallons. All treated effluent parameters were within the permit limits set forth by Illinois EPA.
 - ii. Alternate Disinfection Method
Trial to change the chlorine gas to par acetic acid after two months shows to be very effective. It would save approximately \$10,000 annually in chemical costs if we choose to switch to this method.
 - iii. Treatment Plant Upgrades 2018
September 19th RFQ was posted for an engineering firm to design upgrades – 4 were received. Plan to award engineering services to Baxter & Woodman Consulting Engineers. Proposed projects include system 1 pump station modifications, new preliminary treatment bar screen grit removal equipment, SCADA system upgrade, administration building addition, high efficiency blower replacement(s), and eliminate the Cleveland 2 lift station.



iv. Centrifuge Repair

The two we have failed multiple times. Working with manufacturer to keep up on our maintenance.

VII. Advanced Communications Update (Scott Koteski)

- a. Financial Update as of September 2017 - Chris Cardott (see website)
- c. New Fiber Customers
SMB, Blue Beacon Car Wash, and Rochelle Rescue Mission
- d. Fiber Rate/Promotion
Working on promotion ideas to attract new customers

VIII. New Business

- a. 2018 Meeting Dates
Approved dates (see website)

IX. Comments from the Public

None.

X. Comments from the Board

None.

XI. Executive Session

Motion – To move into Executive Session at 4:01pm
Maker – Dan Carmichael
Second – Richard Ohlinger
Voice Vote – Motion Carried

- a. Sale or Lease of City-Owned Property

Regular Session returned at 4:39pm
No action taken.

XII. Adjournment at 4:40pm

Motion – To Adjourn
Motion – Richard Ohlinger
Second – Dan Carmichael
Voice Vote – Motion Carried