



Commission Members Present: Anna Kautzman, Earl Reynolds, Helm Dobbins, Vanessa Cain, Gary Miller, Vic Ingram, Sheila Williamson-Branch, Mary Williamson*

**Ms. Williamson arrived at 4:05*

Commission Members Absent: Steven Merricks

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Jennifer Holley

Others Present:

Call to Order

Chairman Cain opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of August 22, 2022 Commission Meeting

Ms. Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from August 22, 2022.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Williamson-Branch seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Holley presented the utility financial statements for each utility fund and addressed questions from the commissioners.

Ms. Williamson-Branch asked why the bad debt in relation to last year is almost double. Ms. Holley responded that the bad debt is a function of when it is submitted to the collection agency versus when the debt actually occurs. Finance may have sent several months' worth at the same time. She did not believe bad debt was greater than any other years. She told the Commission that she would check and report back.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 CIP Projects

Jason Grey presented proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Improvement Plan projects. The projects included replacement of the Southside Pumping Station, cast iron water main replacements, gas line replacements and extensions, substation upgrades to New Design Substation, a new substation at the Cyber Park, and additional reliability projects.

Mr. Dobbins asked what is the maximum amount of bond funding that would go into the Southside Pumping Station project. Mr. Grey responded that it was unknown currently, but that he would estimate half would be bond funding and half would be grant funding.

Mr. Dobbins asked how the water lines are inspected for lead. Mr. Grey responded that the best way to inspect is by turning off the water and running a camera down the line. He added that crews have been proactive, and that there are no known lead service lines. The customer side is the most likely source of lead water lines.

Ms. Kautzman asked about the funding for the identification of lead lines. Mr. Grey responded that there are grants available for this. There are also grant funds available to customers who have lead lines to replace them.

501(c)(3) Water Taps-Waiving Fee

Mr. Grey presented to the Utility Commission a proposal for the City to waive the \$1,500 flat residential tap charge for new development to local 501(c)(3) organizations. This will assist local non-profit entities with developing new housing for those who qualify for assistance inside the City. Currently, the department on average performs approximately ten water taps per year for non-profits.

A motion was made by Ms. Williamson-Branch and seconded by Ms. Kautzman that the Danville Utility Commission approve waiving the residential water tap charge for Habitat for Humanity and any other similar nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for the purpose of constructing single-family dwellings that will be given to or sold below the appraised value to low-income persons.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978-Two Additional Standards

Mr. Grey presented two new PURPA "Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978" standards that the City is required to start considering by November 15, 2022 due to the 2021 Investment and Infrastructure Jobs Act. The two standards involve 1) promoting demand response and reduction across all customer classes and 2) promote the electrification of the transportation sector by creating rate options and supporting programs. The consideration process concludes on November 15, 2023 after requesting comments and having a public hearing process.

A motion was made by Ms. Williamson-Branch and seconded by Ms. Kautzman that the Danville Utility Commission recommend to City Council approving the process to commence consideration of two new PURPA standards.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Department Discussions

Mr. Grey thanked everyone involved with power restoration from recent storm damage.

After discussion from the Commission regarding the November/December Utility Commission meeting, Mr. Grey announced that a poll will be sent out to determine the best date for the combined meeting.

Mr. Ingram praised the efforts of Danville Utilities during storm restoration, response time, and commitment to getting people back online.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Cain adjourned the meeting at 4:47pm.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

December 20, 2022

Date Approved



Chairman

Danville Utility Commission