



Danville Utility Commission

4:00 p.m. September 28, 2020 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall

Minutes

Commission Members Present: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Ken Larking, Helm Dobbins, Paul Liepe, Vanessa Cain, Gary Miller, Bert Eades

Commission Members Absent:

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

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 24, 2020 Commission Meeting

Ms. Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from August 24, 2020.

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 July utility financial statements for each utility fund and addressed questions from the commissioners.

Mr. Eades asked why the interest was higher. Ms. Holley responded that debt was refunded.

Mr. Eades asked was the increase in telecommunications income due to regaining the school customers that were lost last year. Ms. Holley responded that the additional income was gained from new schools becoming telecommunications customers.

Power Supply Update

Mr. Grey provided information on the City's 2020/2021 power supply. A summary was provided on the City's generation projects and a forecast was shared on expected transmission and capacity charges.

Mr. Eades asked if the 12.9% piece of the pie chart of the Danville 2021 energy sources is the portion that will be purchased from the market. Mr. Grey responded yes, the 12.9% is to be purchased on the market, but this would come from the hourly PJM market.

Mr. Dobbins asked how the price of natural gas through Fremont is purchased. Mr. Grey said that it is purchased on different markets. Danville Utilities was able to purchase at lower prices earlier in the year. Mr. Dobbins requested more information on Fremont's pricing. Mr. Grey responded that the pricing is subject to gas prices and he will get information to the Commission. He also noted that the plant is only operating when prices are favorable.

Mr. Eades asked if there were any other behind the meter items that were being looked at in the future in addition to solar. Mr. Grey responded that he is looking at battery storage and possibly doing a pilot project with that.

Pinnacles Metering and Billing

Mr. Grey presented a recommendation allowing American Municipal Power (AMP) to provide metering and billing service and to maintain the revenue grade meter/equipment for all of the City's generation resources on one power supply bill. Due to the pending sale of the Pinnacles Hydro facility, the City will need to install a metering point at the plant and be billed for the generation. AMP will charge \$0.00058/kWh or approximately \$1,500/month based on the generation provided at Pinnacles. AMP provides this same service for similar installations at the Schoolfield Hydro facility, Kentuck solar, Whitmell/Irish Rd solar, and Ringgold solar sites.

Mr. Eades asked if anyone else offered this service. Mr. Grey responded he didn't know of one and AMP is already handling this in other areas for us.

Mr. Eades made a motion that the Danville Utility Commission recommend to City Council to allow American Municipal Power to provide metering and billing services for the Pinnacle Hydro facility in Patrick County. Mr. Dobbins seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Department Discussions

Mr. Eades asked for information about the disconnections since the last meeting and the equal pay plan. Mr. Adkins shared some numbers regarding the disconnections and reconnections with the Commission. There are 400 customers currently disconnected with about \$300,000 owed. The equal pay plan has been well marketed and many customers have opted into this plan to help get reconnected.

Mr. Dobbins asked how much CARES Act funding is remaining. Mr. Adkins responded that there is \$100,000 left in CARES Act funding that is still available through Social Services.

There was no further communication from staff, commission members, or the public.

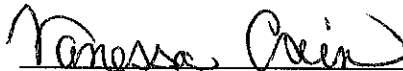
Adjournment

Ms. Cain announced that the next meeting will be on October 26, 2020. There being no further business, Ms. Cain adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

October 26, 2020

Date Approved



Chairman

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