



Danville Utility Commission
4:00 p.m. February 28, 2022 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall
Minutes

Commission Members Present: Ken Larking, Helm Dobbins, Gary Miller, Sheila Williamson-Branch, Anna Kautzman, Vanessa Cain, Vic Ingram

Commission Members Absent: Paul Liepe, Steven Merricks

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Michael Adkins, Lori Flanigan, Michael Spencer

Others Present: Rodney Gray - Zitel

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 January 24, 2022 Commission Meeting

Ms. Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from January 24, 2022.

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

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Mr. Adkins presented the December financial statements for each utility fund.

Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) Utilities Budget

Should on-going evaluations reveal additional revenue shortfalls, staff will make the budget expenditure adjustments necessary to bring the budgets back into balance without further FY 2023 increases and brief the Commission on the matter at the April 25th meeting. This was determined to allow the City Manager to finalize his budget proposals and present them to City Council by March 1st.

Ms. Flanigan asked the commission if they had any questions regarding the budget as presented.

Mr. Dobbins noted that there are large increases in revenues for natural gas, and he was curious if this was for projected new economic developments.

Mr. Grey replied that FY2023 has a higher commodity price and that while new industry is anticipated, the most significant consumers of gas will come on in Fiscal Year 2024.

Ms. Kautzman made a motion that the Danville Utility Commission approve the Utility Department's Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for submission to City Council with the Commission's recommendation for its adoption by the Council. Ms. Williamson-Branch seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

New nDanville Internet Service Provider-Zitel

Mr. Grey introduced Rodney Gray, Chief Operating Officer for Zitel, a Bedford based internet service provider. Zitel will serve as another provider on the nDanville network. Zitel is making their final connections to offer broadband services in Danville starting this spring. Mr. Gray gave an overview of Zitel and answered questions from Commissioners.

Department Discussions

Dr. Miller asked how the conflict in Europe will affect Danville. Mr. Grey replied that staff is watching the status actively. Fortunately, Danville is coming out of heating system so demand for energy will not be as high as in previous months. Staff will keep an eye on it and report back.

Dr. Miller also asked about the status of electric transmission costs. Mr. Grey responded that there are increases of 15% in transmission, but the cost of production is going down.

Mr. Ingram stated that he lost power the other week and spoke to a very nice person. Within an hour he had a lineman crew at his residence fixing the problem. He expressed his gratitude for their service.

Mr. Grey reported that construction started today on the battery storage project.

Adjournment

Chairman Cain stated the next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2022. Mr. Larking made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Dobbins. There being no further business, Chairman Cain adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

March 28, 2022

Date Approved



Chairman

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