



Danville Utility Commission
4:00 p.m. January 22, 2024 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall
Minutes

Commission Members Present: Ken Larking, Helm Dobbins, Vanessa Cain, Mary Williamson, Steven Merricks, Gary Miller, Murray Whittle

Commission Members Absent: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Anna Kautzman

Staff Present: Jason Grey, Ryan Dodson, Tiffany Swanson-Jones, Janet Davis, Amy Chandler, Stephen Morrison, 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 December 4, 2023 Commission Meeting

Ms. Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from December 4, 2023.

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

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Chandler presented the November financial statements for each utility fund.

Dr. Miller asked why the gas fund is half what it was last year. Mr. Grey responded that the warmer winter has contributed to lower prices.

Introduction to Fiscal Year 2025 Utilities Budget

Ms. Swanson-Jones presented the proposed Wastewater, Water, Gas, Electric and Telecommunication budgets for FY2025. Mr. Grey presented capital improvement projects.

Wastewater

The wastewater budget contains a capital project for the replacement of the Southside Pumping Station. This project will be funded by grants and bonds.

Water

The water budget contains funding for the Westover Pumping Station relocation-pressure zone change and cast iron water main replacements.

Gas

The gas fund includes funding for replacing the Goodyear Boulevard/South Main Street Gas Main Loop and engineering for the Transco gas gate expansion.

Electric

The electric budget contains funding for the New Design Substation construction, Piney Forest Substation partial upgrade, and Brantley 138 kV Transformer Upgrade.

Mr. Murray asked if the retired substation equipment is refurbished or scrapped. Mr. Grey responded that in the case of Brantley, it will be refurbished to have on hand for future use if needed due to the lead time for new equipment.

There is also \$3 million allocated for distribution circuit upgrades, Rocksprings-Kentuck-White Oak transmission line upgrade, Pinnacles transmission line upgrade, and various reliability projects. Danville Utilities Applied for Department of Energy Grid Resilience and Innovation Program to cover 75% of the cost of these projects.

Department Discussions

Mr. Larking welcomed Mr. Murray to the Utility Commission.

Adjournment

Ms. Cain announced that the next Utility Commission meeting will be Monday, February 26 at 4:00pm. Being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Merricks and seconded by Ms. Williams that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

February 26, 2024

Date Approved



Chairman

Danville Utility Commission