



Commission Members Present: Ken Larking, Helm Dobbins, Sheila Williamson-Branch, Vanessa Cain, Mary Williamson, Anna Kautzman, Steven Merricks, Gary Miller, Murray Whittle

Commission Members Absent:

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Amy Chandler, Michael Adkins, Alan Johnson, Jeff Bustamante

Others Present: Rusty Nigro and Roger Arnold, Hazen and Sawyer

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 March 25, 2024 Commission Meeting

Chairman Cain asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of March 25, 2024.

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

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Chandler reviewed the February 2024 utilities financial statements.

Ms. Williamson-Branch asked what recovery efforts are in place to recover bad debt for each fund.

Ms. Chandler responded that accounts that are over 75 days due go to collections and about \$4-5,000 is being recovered each week.

Mr. Adkins added that the revenue has also increased, which is in line percentagewise with the bad debt.

Lead and Copper Service Line Mandate

Alan Johnson introduced Roger Arnold and Rusty Nigro from Hazen and Sawyer, a water and wastewater engineering firm. Mr. Arnold and Ms. Nigro presented information on the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lead and copper service line inventory mandate. All water utilities are required to provide an inventory of public and private service lines to the EPA by October 2024. Their firm has been retained to provide the Virginia Department of Health and the EPA the information required. They discussed the additional sampling requirements that will be required with the mandate.

Dr. Miller asked if the homeowner is responsible for the cost of replacement of lead service lines. Mr. Arnold responded that the utilities are required to make sure the private line is replaced, but not required to pay for replacement.

Mr. Dobbins asked if lines that contain a portion of lead must be replaced. Mr. Arnold responded that the only lines that must be replaced are 100% lead content.

Mr. Dobbins asked after BIL funds are exhausted for lead service line replacement, will funds come from the General Fund, Utility funds, or some other means. Mr. Grey responded that the structure for funding is yet to be determined, but that will be a discussion for City Council and the Utility Commission.

Ms. Williamson-Branch asked will houses built prior to 1979 be considered. Mr. Arnold responded that houses built prior to 1979 will be prioritized for identification if no service records exist stating the type of line.

Mr. Whittle asked if customers may be required to replace copper pipes in their homes. Ms. Nigro responded that lead solder was used prior to 1986. Mr. Arnold said currently there is currently no requirement to replace lead solder.

Department Discussions

There were no comments from the Director, commission members or the public.

Adjournment

Chairman Cain stated the next meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2024. There being no further business, Mr. Larking made a motion to close that was seconded by Ms. Williamson-Branch. Ms. Cain adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

June 24, 2024

Date Approved



Chairman

Danville Utility Commission