



Commission Members Present: Helm Dobbins, Earl Reynolds*, Anna Kautzman, Mary Williamson, Gary Miller, Vanessa Cain, Murray Whittle, Steven Merricks

*Acting City Manager

Commission Members Absent: Sheila Williamson-Branch, Steven Merricks, Murray Whittle

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

Others Present:

Call to Order

Chairman Kautzman 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 February 24, 2025 Commission Meeting

Ms. Kautzman asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from February 24, 2025.

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

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

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

Upcoming Economic Development Related Capital Projects

Jason Grey provided the Utility Commission with information that has been shared publicly comparing Danville Utilities water, wastewater, electric, and natural gas rates to other utilities and communities.

and brief the Commission on actions taken at the April 28th meeting, should on-going evaluations reveal revenue shortfalls. Ms. Williamson seconded the motion. All members voted in favor and the motion was passed.

Customer Electric Outage Notification System

Jason Grey and Janet Davis presented information on the proposed Smart Thermostat Program. This program would look to utilize existing smart thermostats and pre-cool or pre-heat homes prior to a peak electric event and offer the residential user an incentive.

Mr. Reynolds made a motion that the Danville Utility Commission recommend to City Council approving the Smart Thermostat residential peak shaving program. Ms. Williamson-Branch seconded. All members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Department Discussions

Rhonda Spraggins from Danville, Virginia, spoke to the commission regarding her utility department experience and the cost of Danville's utilities and other localities in Virginia.

Mr. Grey mentioned the ice storm that recently occurred and commended the employees who worked over five days to restore power after that and the windstorm that followed. Mr. Reynolds added that restoration was restored in a safe and efficient way. Dr. Miller said that the employees worked relentlessly to restore power and thanked them for their work. He also added that all utilities for Danville are lumped together.

Adjournment

Chairman Kautzman stated the next meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2025. Mr. Merricks made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, Chairman Kautzman adjourned the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

March 24, 2025

Date Approved


Chairman
Danville Utility Commission