



Danville Utility Commission
4:00 p.m. February 2, 2026 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall
Minutes

Commission Members Present: Ken Larking, Helm Dobbins, Steven Merricks, Gary Miller, Murray Whittle, Anna Kautzman, Fred Shanks

Commission Members Absent: Mary Williamson, Vanessa Cain

Staff Present: Jason Grey, Joan Hodnett, Janet Davis, Amy Chandler, 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.

Prior to the beginning of the discussion items, Ms. Kautzman made a motion as Chairman that the Winter Energy Efficiency Presentation be moved to the February 23, 2026 meeting due to the time required to go over the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Mr. Dobbins seconded, all present members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of October 27, 2025 Commission Meeting

Ms. Kautzman asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from October 27, 2025.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Larking 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.

Introduction to Fiscal Year 2027 Utilities Budget

Mr. Grey presented the proposed Wastewater, Water, Gas, Electric and Telecommunication budgets for FY2027. Mr. Grey presented capital improvement projects.

Mr. Shanks asked if the comparison of utilities versus other neighboring communities was performed for residential because there are too many variables to compare commercial and industrial.

Mr. Grey responded that there are more residential customers so that is why that comparison was made, but commercial and industrial can be compared as well. He agreed that there are more variables involved for that comparison, but it can be performed.

Wastewater

The wastewater budget contains capital funding for new sewer lines, sewer line reconstruction, Southside plant improvements and the Coleman Industrial Site Wastewater Pumping Station.

Mr. Shanks asked if the Wastewater Pumping Station project would require crossing the Dan River. Mr. Grey responded that it would require a 40" bore under the river.

Water

The water budget contains capital funding for two projects at the Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill.

Gas

The gas budget contains capital funding for gas gate replacement, natural gas extension for the Southern Virginia Megasite at Berry Hill, and gas system regulator stations.

Mr. Dobbins asked with the current market for gas given the extreme cold, was the utility exposed to higher costs. Mr. Grey responded that due to hedging and storage, some of those costs were curbed, but about 50% was exposed to the market rate.

Electric

The electric budget contains capital funding for electric system reliability and improvement.

Dr. Miller asked what the expected lifespan is of a pole. Mr. Grey responded on average, they last about 50 years.

Department Discussions

There was no comment from the public.

Mr. Shanks said that Danville Utilities and Public Works performed very well over the past two weeks and congratulated them on their efforts.

Dr. Miller noted that he has not received a single call complaining about outages for the past two weeks.

Mr. Grey commended utilities staff on their preparation and support for the storms over the past two weeks. Preparation is an all-year process and he complimented their efforts.

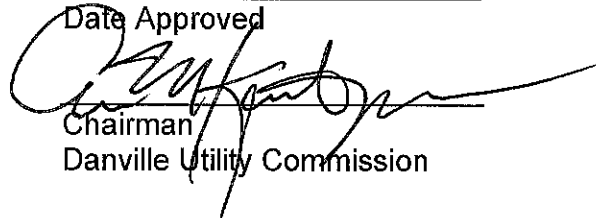
Adjournment

Ms. Kautzman announced that the next Utility Commission meeting will be Monday, February 23 at 4:00pm. Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

February 23, 2026

Date Approved



Chairman
Danville Utility Commission