

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, WISCONSIN HELD AT CITY HALL 5050 S. LAKE DRIVE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 P.M. by Chairman Miller with the following members in attendance: Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Kober, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Kramer. Superintendent Miller and Director of PW Lange also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2015 MEETING

Moved by Mr. Kramer, second by Mr. Hanson to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2015 meeting.
All voting in favor.

FLINT MICHIGAN ISSUES

Superintendent Miller discussed the water issues in Flint Michigan and distributed a summary of the events that led up to the water quality problems Flint is experiencing. There was discussion on the water supply and treatment processes. Several Commissioners had asked if something similar could happen in Cudahy or in Wisconsin. Superintendent Miller spoke in detail on the process the utility must follow to make any changes in treatment chemical or in water source.

Given the extensive oversight by WIDNR and the utility's own internal water chemistry monitoring the Superintendent felt confident that the Cudahy Water Utility would avoid any of the problems that have occurred in Flint.

UTILITY PRIVATIZATION BILL

At the request of several commissioners the Superintendent explained the bill proposed in the Wisconsin Legislature AB 554. The bill changes the process used by a municipality to sell a public utility to a private company. The bill would eliminate the requirement for a referendum to sell the utility. Residents could force a referendum by gathering a required amount of signatures, but the referendum would then occur before the WIPSC reviewed the sale and set a value on the utility.

The bill has faced stiff opposition from citizen groups and while it passed the Assembly it looks like the bill will not pass the Senate. At this time it is considered a dead issue.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATES

There was some discussion regarding the winter weather and the number of water main breaks. The mild winter has resulted in the lowest number of breaks in several years.

There was a question from Commission Chair Miller about the City of Waukesha request for Lake Michigan Water. The Superintendent explained the history of behind the application and the process that must be followed according to the Great Lakes Compact.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Kramer, second by Mr. Kober. to adjourn.
All voting in favor (5:18 PM)

Ken Kramer - Secretary,

Attest: Bill Miller