

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 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman Kober with the following members in attendance: Mr. Kramer, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Miller and Mr. Hanson. Superintendent Miller and DPW Director Lang also present.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2011 MEETING

Moved by Mr. Kramer, second by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2011 meeting. All voting in favor.

DPW REORGANIZATION

Director Lang presented the her plan for reorganization of the Department of Public Works. The plan has been presented to and approved by the Personnel Committee. The plan makes no changes in the Water Utility structure, however it does ask for a raise in pay for the Water Superintendent. There was discussion about the Superintendents pay and the Commissions past attempts to raise the wages.

There was a question from Mr. Miller on how this reorganization affected the utility billing clerk position and what the status was in filling that clerk position. Ms. Lang explained that the Personnel Committee has approved changes to the job description and some changes in the pay rate. She anticipated advertising for the position the week of February 20.

Moved by Mr. Kramer, second by Mr. Miller to approve support the proposed DPW reorganization and the pay raise for the Water Utility Superintendent.

All voting in favor.

FILTER PLANT BUILDING ISSUE

Superintendent Miller informed the Commission about a structural issue with the Filter Room wall that was discovered during a plant study. A load bearing I beam that should have the ability to move slightly is not working as designed. A brick wall was constructed in contact with the beam prohibiting movement, this occurred during original construction in 1963 and over time has caused damage to the interior walls. The Superintendent is reviewing repair options and cost. Superintendent Miller also noted that he is evaluating 2012 budget items to determine what items can be delayed in order to provide funding for the wall repair.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Miller gave the Commission reports on the following:

- There have been 9 main breaks so far this year, a very low number. At the same time in 2011 there had been 23 breaks.
- Accountants from Baker Tilly are in to work on the 2011 Audit and PSC report.
- PILOT or payment in lieu of taxes. This is an annual payment the utility makes to the city as a form of property taxes. The WIPSC has opened an investigation into how the PILOT is calculated and the effect on utility rates statewide. In 2010 the utility paid the City of Cudahy \$377,000. The investigation could take up to a year and then the PSC will decide on any changes.
- The utility has been making data available to Professor McGee Young from Marquette University. Professor Young is working to make water usage data available to consumers in an effort to make them aware of opportunities

to conserve water. The WIDNR and WIPSC are both asking utilities to begin educating customers on water usage.

- Cross Connection Education, as part of the Water Utility's requirement to education residential customers on backflow and cross connections, bill stuffers will begin appearing in bills by April.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Miller, second by Mr. O'Connell to adjourn.

All voting in favor (4:55 PM)

Bill Miller, Secretary

Attest: Henry Kober