

# **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WATER UTILITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CUDAHY, WISCONSIN HELD AT CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM A, 5050 SOUTH LAKE DRIVE ON THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by Chairman Kober with the following members in attendance: Mr. Heidenreich, Mr. Kramer and Mr. Miller. Superintendent Miller and Director of Public Works Lange also present. Mr. Marsh was absent and excused.

## **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 17, 2009 MEETING**

Moved by Mr. Kramer, second by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting.

All voting in favor.

## **WINTER OPERATIONS**

Superintendent Miller gave the Commission an update on winter operations with the following highlights:

- There have been 11 water main breaks to date, at this same point last year the utility had 25 water main breaks.
- The 2010 budget included funding for a leak correlator, the utility has been testing several models and Superintendent Miller had a unit on hand to show the Commission.
- The utility has assisted the DPW in some snow plowing operations this winter.

## **UTILITY STAFFING**

The Superintendent discussed current staff issues; a plant operator is out on extended leave. This is creating scheduling problems at the treatment plant. Public Works Director Lang and Superintendent Miller met with the operating staff to discuss the problems and possible solutions. A temporary contract employee has been hired to fill a shift so far things have worked well and employee moral has improved.

The Superintendent informed the Commission that the utility is also working with MATC on a job shadowing program. One day per week a student from the Environmental Health and Water Quality Technology program is coming to the treatment plant to do some job shadowing. They have spent time with both the treatment staff and distribution staff. This program will continue through April.

## **PUBLIC FIRE PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION**

There was an update on the implementation of the direct charges to customers for public fire protection. The first bills went out on February 1<sup>st</sup> to District 4 with 1667 customers. So far the utility has received 23 calls questioning or complaining about the charge.

## **UTILITY LETTERS TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

The Wisconsin Water Association has asked member utilities to contact their local state legislators and ask them to contact the Association for input when water issues come before the Legislature. Superintendent Miller had draft copies of the letter and asked for Commission approval to send the letters to Senator Plale and Representative Sinicki.

Moved by Mr. Heidenreich, second by Mr. Miller to approve the correspondence as written.

All voting in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

All voting in favor (4:31 PM)

John Heidenreich, Secretary

Attest: Henry Kober