

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 JULY 16, 2009

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2009 MEETING

Moved by Mr. Kramer, second by Mr. Miller to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting.

All voting in favor.

2009 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Superintendent Miller presented a short revenue and expense report to the Commission. As of June 30, 2009 revenues are up 3% compared to the same period last year, however total water pumped is down 9.3%. The increase in revenue is due to the rate increase. The decrease in water pumped is due to the economy and the loss of the Cudahy Tanning Company.

Expenses as of June 30, 2009 are at 44% of budget, this does include 16 months of back pay due to the settlement of the labor contract. These expenses do not include road restoration from the winter main breaks. Accounts for water treatment equipment are running a little high, but contractor accounts are under budget. This is because more repair work is being done in house this summer on items like the disinfection and chemical feed systems.

PROJECT UPDATE

Superintendent Miller and Public Works Director Lang updated the Commission on several ongoing projects:

1. NE Storm Sewer project, this project is progressing, the tunnel operation through the park has hit a rough spot. The majority of the work on the surface streets is complete and the water main relay on Squire Avenue should start soon. Utility personnel have spent a lot of time on the project, due to the condition of the water main and the type of work being done there have been numerous main breaks and water outages on the 3900 block of Squire. The contractor does bear some responsibility in many of these instances, and Public Works Director Lange has had discussions with Willkomm Excavating about this issue. At one point the utility delivered bottled water to every home on the block due to the length of the outages.
2. Paving operations have started on the Morris and Mallory Ave areas where the water main was replaced last year.
3. The utility valve program and scheduled hydrant work will be pushed back to the fall due to the man hours being spent with the other projects. Fall will be a little hectic but the Superintendent feels all utility work will be complete before the end of the year.

PATRICK CUDAHY FIRE RESPONSE

Superintendent Miller gave the Commission report on the utility response to the Patrick Cudahy fire, this included a quick review of the raw water system and the treated water system. The utility pumped over 33 million gallons of water for fire fighting and purchased water from Milwaukee Water Works and the South Milwaukee Water Utility. The Superintendent stated that the staff rose to the occasion and did an exemplary job and there were no problems of any sort with utility equipment. Due to the intensity of fire fighting operations and the duration of the fire the utility did have to work with the Incident Command staff to find the fire flow rates that the utility could deliver while maintaining the integrity of the water system.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Superintendent had two other items for the Commission:

- As part of the Long Term II Surface Water Treatment Rule the utility has been collecting cryptosporidium samples for the EPA since 1-1-08. This sampling is done monthly and is to gather information for the EPA and is not related to any current water quality regulation. The Superintendent misunderstood the sampling schedule so several of the utility monthly samples were taken 1 day late. Due to this the EPA has issued a violation notice to the utility and will require a public notice to be sent to every customer in the service area.
- Superintendent Miller announced that he has been asked to run for the position of Trustee-at-Large for the Wisconsin section of the American Water Works Association. This is a state board position that will require in state travel about once per month. The Superintendent noted that he has discussed this with Mayor McCue and Public Works Director Lange and both support his decision to run, and the Superintendent would like Water Commission approval and support before making a final decision.

The Commissioners voiced their support encouraged the Superintendent to run for the position of Trustee-at-Large.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. Heidenreich second by Mr. Kramer to adjourn.
All voting in favor (4:36 PM).

John Heidenreich, Secretary

ATTEST: Henry Kober