

UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING

CITY HALL

6:30 P.M.

AUGUST 23, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Klinzing, Scott Busse, Brad Hess, Pauley Paul, and Barry Scholz
OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Snelson, Marc Stephanie, Paula Pethan, and Jennifer Sundquist of McClone (Virtual)

President Klinzing called the August 23, 2022, monthly meeting of the New Holstein Utilities Commission to order.

The Business Manager verified that the meeting was properly announced.

A motion was made by Busse, seconded by Hess, and carried to approve the August 23, 2022, agenda.

A motion was made Hess, seconded by Pauly, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022, meeting.

Under visitors Jennifer Sundquist of McClone gave a presentation on the 2023 health insurance plan. The proposed plan is an HSA plan with a Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) plan in the background covering costs for the employee. The plan is designed to save on the cost of premiums and out of pocket maxes for employees while maintaining good coverage. The Commission inquired about the liability of the HRA to the Utilities. They were assured the possible liability would be less than the expense paid for the current premiums. A meeting to explain the insurance to the employees will be scheduled once actual rates are received.

Barry Scholz was welcomed to the Commission.

A motion was made by Busse, seconded by Paul, and carried to approve the monthly bills, totaling \$788,194.82.

The Treasurer's report as of July 31, 2022, indicated the following balances: checking account – **\$362,279.13**; Savings and Investments - **\$261,619.20**; Electric/Water Reserve Funds - **\$850,803.90**; Water Refinance Reserve Account - **\$34,220.74** for a total of **\$1,508,922.97**.

The financial statements for the month of July were reviewed.

A discussion of replacing the current water meters was held. As mentioned last month the erts are beginning to fail on the meters. The General Manager reported that the purchase of AMI water meters will seriously need to be considered in the next year because of the failures. The cost will be substantial to replace all the meters, but it may be possible to borrow the money through WPPI energy.

An update on the LSL projects indicated that the replacements are complete except for one property that could not be accessed. The water has been turned off at the curb and will not be turned back on until the private lead service is replaced at the cost of the owner. Restoration of the lawns, sidewalks and streets will begin soon.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Scott Busse, Secretary

**SANITARY SEWER COMMISSION MEETING
FOLLOWING THE NEW HOLSTEIN UTILITIES MEETING**

CITY HALL

AUGUST 23, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Klinzing, Scott Busse, Brad Hess, Pauly Paul and Barry Scholz

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Snelson, Marc Stephanie, and Paula Pethan

President Klinzing called the regular monthly meeting of the New Holstein Sanitary Sewer Commission to order.

The Business Manager verified that the meeting was properly announced.

A motion was made by Busse, seconded by Hess, and carried to approve the August 23, 2022, agenda.

A motion was made by Hess, seconded by Paul, and carried to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022, meeting

A motion was made by Hess, seconded by Paul, and carried to approve the monthly bills, totaling, \$28,603.11.

The Treasurer's report as of July 31, 2022, indicated the following balances: checking - \$150,596.15 operating funds; replacement fund - \$73,269.48 and Money Market account (loan payments) – \$72,250.29 for a total of \$296,115.92.

Stephanie made the Commission aware of a PFAS Cost Recovery program provided by Wisconsin Rural Water Association and the National Rural Water Association. The two organizations have engaged a law firm to assist in recovery of expenses for testing, treatment, and remediation of PFAS contamination. There is no cost to register to be part of the program. Stephanie will do some additional investigation into the program and bring the findings back to the Commission to decide if we want to register.

A motion was made by Busse, seconded by Hess, and carried to adjourn and reconvene in closed session to discuss employment, promotion – performance evaluation, benefits and/or compensation of employees per Wisconsin State Statute §19.85(1)(c).

A motion was made by Busse, seconded by Hess, and carried to adjourn and reconvene in open session.

Under forthcoming events the next Utilities Commission meeting was set for Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at 6:00 with a facility tour, and a reminder was given for the WPPI Energy Annual Meeting in Middleton, September 15, 2022, and Board of Directors meeting on September 16, 2022.

Being no further business, a motion was made by Paul, seconded by Busse, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

Scott Busse
Secretary