

UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING

CITY HALL

6:30 P.M.

JULY 27, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Klinzing, Scott Busse, Brad Hess, Pauly Paul and Marc Stephanie

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Peters – WPPI Energy President & CEO; Randy Jaeckels, Greg Skurupey, Paula Pethan, Brad Zank and Doug Schneider

President Klinzing called the July 27, 2021, 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 Stephanie, and carried to approve the July 27, 2021, agenda.

A motion was made by Hess, seconded by Paul, and carried to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021, meeting.

President Klinzing welcomed Mike Peters – WPPI Energy President and CEO. Peters gave a presentation on WPPI Energy to the Commission. The main talking points included 1) Public Power Advantage – local control, affordable rates, and strong reliability; 2) Support provided by WPPI – power supply, programs and service and policy advocacy; Member ownership and governance of WPPI; Competitive and stable wholesale power costs; Recovery and relief programs provided due to COVID – community recharge money provided, \$3.1 million in rate relief, utility loan funds; Focus on the future and Cyber security protection.

Mike Peters and Greg Skurupey left the meeting after the presentation. Mayor Hebl joined the meeting at this time.

A motion was made by Stephanie, seconded by Busse and carried to approve the monthly bills, totaling \$469,265.04.

The Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2021, indicated the following balances: checking account (unrestricted) – **\$564,078.14**; Savings and Investments (restricted) - **\$209,182.45**; Electric/Water Reserve Funds(restricted) - **\$737,958.15**; Rural Development Bond Reserve Account(restricted) - **\$34,220.74** for a total of **\$1,527,439.48**.

The financial statements for the month of June 2021 were reviewed.

Bids received for the Well 1 rehabilitation and piping/well pump modifications were discussed. The following bids were received: CTW Corporation - \$79,072.00 and Municipal Well & Pump \$119,727.00. The general scope of the project is to pull the current pump and inspect pumping equipment, install a new pump with a re-purposed booster pump motor and starter, and to install piping modifications for pumping from the well directly into the water system by bypassing the wellhouse reservoir. The reservoir will be sealed off. A motion was made by Stephanie, seconded by Hess, and carried to award the bid to CTW Corporation in the amount of \$79,072.00.

Installation of an advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) system was discussed. The General Manager informed the Commission that we have a residential customer who is installing a solar project with a Tesla battery system and would like AMI metering in order to receive detailed information. To accommodate the project, we would like to purchase 10 – 12 AMI meters for a pilot program at this time. The plan is to have AMI for all of the electric and water systems by 2025. It was the consensus of the Commission to table a decision until the August metering when more detailed cost is available.

Schneider gave a presentation on the water system infrastructure maintenance for the month. A few items noted were the replacement of the water meter at the NH Elementary School, lead and copper results provided and the department attended a Wisconsin Rural Water Association Exp which was informative.

Thank you notes received from Alysha Paul for the \$500.00 NHU/WPPI Energy scholarship she received and from Elizabeth Petrie for the service provided during a storm outage were acknowledged.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Busse, Secretary

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

CITY HALL

JULY 27, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Klinzing, Scott Busse, Brad Hess, Pauly Paul and Marc Stephanie

OTHERS PRESENT: Mayor Hebl, Randy Jaeckels, Paula Pethan, Brad Zank and Doug Schneider

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 Stephanie, seconded by Hess, and carried to approve the July 27, 2021, agenda.

A motion was made by Paul, seconded by Stephanie, and carried to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2021, meeting.

A motion was made by Stephanie, seconded by Busse, and carried to approve the monthly bills, totaling, \$123,029.19.

The Treasurer's report as of June 30, 2021, indicated the following balances: checking (unrestricted) - \$88,801.12 operating funds; replacement fund (restricted) - \$85,764.48 and Money Market account (loan payments/HRA) (restricted) – \$51,436.0465 for a total of \$221,286.42

Zank and Schneider left the meeting.

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

Under forthcoming events the Commission was informed of the WPPI Energy Annual Meeting, September 15 & 16, 2021. Those interested should contact Jaeckels. The next Utilities Commission meeting was set for Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Busse, Secretary