

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2020 (3:30 pm to 4:18 pm)

Members Present: Nancy Lillquist, Nancy Goodloe, Ed Barry, Gary Gleason

Members Absent: Jim Goeben and Bob Johnson, no Telecom items

Also Present: Ryan Lyyski, Public Works & Utility Director; Kim Caulkins, Operations Analyst; Buddy Stanavich, Power & Gas Manager; Julie Coppock, Rate Analyst; Darren Larsen, Assistant Utilities Director; Darin Yusi, Gas Engineer; Jon Morrow, Stormwater Manager; Ben Faubion, IT & Telecom Manager

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- I. **Call to Order.** Nancy Lillquist called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call.** Bob Johnson and Jim Goeben were absent due to no Telecom items on the Agenda.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes.** Ed Barry moved to approve the minutes. Nancy Goodloe seconded. Motion approved.
- V. **Approval of Consent Agenda.**
None
- VI. **Correspondence and Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items**
City's Response to Dept. of Commerce on Incremental Cost Methodology. The Committee complimented Buddy Stanavich on his response letter.
- VII. **Telecommunications Utility Discussion Items**
None
- VIII. **Electric, Natural Gas, Water, Wastewater, Stormwater Utility Discussion Items**
 - A. **Bureau of Reclamation/Schaake Project.** Ryan Lyyski explained the Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the planned project to partner with the Bureau of Reclamation and Twin City Foods to improve habitat and land exchange. The next step is to take the Amendment, Land Exchange Agreement and Confirmation Deed to City Council.

Motion #2020-06-01: Nancy Goodloe moved the Committee make a favorable recommendation to forward the Amendment to the MOU between Twin City Foods and the Bureau of Reclamation to City Council. Ed Barry seconded. Motion Approved.
 - B. **Annual Natural Gas Safety Report.** Darin Yusi informed the Committee of the results from the Natural Gas Safety Report.

IX. Information Only Items.

- A. SOAR Press Release.** Darin Yusi described how the City of Ellensburg applied for the award through APGA and out of approximately 750 members was awarded level Bronze for excellence in operating a natural gas utility system.

- B. Public Works & Utilities Issues Update.** Ryan Lyyski gave updates on sewer and water and stated that Coho Water Resources will be working on increasing the water right availability on the Illinois well for the City. Jon Morrow gave an update for stormwater. Darren Larsen gave updates on electric and gas.

X. Next Meeting Date. July 16th, 2020 at 3:30 pm, location to be determined.

XI. Adjournment. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Kim Caulkins
Recording Secretary
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