



UTILITIES COMMISSION
FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2017, 7:15 A.M.
Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.
Large Conference Room

Members Present: C. Bova, D. Lanyon, J. Nieuwsma, E. Rosenberg, R. Shure
Members Absent: D. Everhart, M. White
Staff Present: A. Price, D. Stoneback
Presiding Member: D. Lanyon

1. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum being present, Chair Lanyon called the meeting to order at 7:16 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Bova moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Nieuwsma.

The minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Work Plan Item 1.1 Building energy efficiency benchmarking initiative – progress report on ordinance implementation plan

Mr. Stoneback informed the Commission that notification letters were sent to the ninety Type 1 Covered Building owners on Wednesday, March 8. He said that volunteer training has been completed, and training workshops for building owners will start next Tuesday, March 14. The EPA has now set up Portfolio Manager specifically for Evanston, and Mr. Jensen will establish links to it on the Benchmarking page on the City's new website next week. Mr. Stoneback said that moving forward the benchmarking initiative will be the responsibility of the new Climate & Energy Program Coordinator.

4. STAFF REPORTS

A. Recent Electric System Outages, Basement Flooding Concerns, Water Service Interruptions, and status of 2017 improvement projects

Mr. Stoneback reported the following:

There were four power outages in February, three of which were scheduled to perform work to improve reliability, and the fourth was due to underground failure.

There were a relatively small number of basement backups in February, which were all determined to be private lateral issues.

There were no water main breaks in February.

An average number of Sewer Repair permits were obtained in February, and only one Water Service Repair permit was obtained.

An RFP for engineering services has been issued for the 30" Downtown Feeder Main Rehabilitation project. The design is complete for the Water Main Replacement project, it has been submitted to the IEPA, and the water mains will be replaced as part of the resurfacing project. The RFP is complete for the Retail Water Meter Replacement Program but, he wants to review it before it goes out. The first CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation project has been bid and came in way under estimate. It will go to the second council meeting in March for award. Work is scheduled to begin on-site March 28 for the Plant Reliability Improvements project, and the engineering agreement has been awarded for the South Standpipe Pump Station project. Staff will be recommending the purchase of sole source turbidimeters at the second council meeting in March for the Turbidimeter Replacement project. All other projects are moving along well.

B. Status of negotiations with potential new wholesale water customers

Mr. Stoneback reported that conversations with Lincolnwood have started again. Skokie has been given a four month extension on their contract with a 2% rate increase. He will meeting with them over the next four months to hopefully come up with a new agreement.

C. Community-wide Water Conservation Initiative

No action was taken.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Further consideration of community aggregation future

No action was taken.

B. Status of street lighting study RFP

Mr. Stoneback said that the City has received proposals from nine consulting firms. An in-house committee is being formed to review the proposals and select the consultant. Once the consultant has been selected, a steering committee will be formed to help guide the final report.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS

A. Forthcoming Public Works Agency activities relative to the Utilities Commission

Mr. Stoneback announced that National Drinking Water Week is coming up in May.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Price
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