



## MEETING MINUTES

### **UTILITIES COMMISSION**

FRIDAY, March 9, 2018, 7:15 A.M.  
Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.  
Large Conference Room

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

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#### **1. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

A quorum being present, Vice-Chair Nieuwsma called the meeting to order at 7:12 a.m.

#### **2. APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 9, 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Everhart moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bova. All approved.

**The minutes were approved unanimously, 6-0.**

#### **3. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **a. Building energy efficiency benchmarking initiative – progress report on second year ordinance implementation**

No action was taken.

##### **b. Street Lighting Study status report**

Mr. Stoneback reported that the consultant, Christopher Burke, is working with several vendors to provide different fixtures that will be installed at different locations around the City. The City will then have a survey asking residents for their opinion on the lighting levels on different types of streets and will see what the results indicate. The next Steering Committee meeting will be delayed until after they have the results of the survey, and then a public meeting will follow afterwards. The survey will be posted on the City's website, and publicized in all City communications. It will also be in the Aldermen's Ward Newsletters, and staff will attend Ward meetings as well.

#### **4. STAFF REPORTS**

##### **a. Recent Electric System Outages, Basement Flooding Concerns, Water Service Interruptions, and status of 2018 improvement projects**

Mr. Stoneback reported the following:

There were no power outages at the circuit level in February, but there were two outages that were not at the circuit level which the City was advised of via 311 requests.

All basement backups in February were determined to be private lateral issues, the combined sewer was not surcharged.

There were only three water main breaks in February, and there was a blowout on the 2200 block of Lawndale. There have been previous breaks on this line and it is scheduled to be replaced in 2018.

The number of Sewer Repair Permits were down in February, and the number of Water Repair Permits were up with three in one month.

Capital Improvement Projects Update:

A public meeting was held two nights ago for the Water Main Replacement project and notices were provided to all of the residents on the blocks where water main is being replaced informing them of the City's Drinking Water Lead Reduction Initiative. There are now three elements to the Initiative; the Lead Service Replacement Loan Program, Point of Use Filter Program, and Post Construction Lead Testing Program.

The Retail Water Meter Replacement Program is almost halfway complete.

There will be a meeting with the attorneys on Monday, March 12 regarding the Lincolnwood Connection and Meter Vault project, and work will begin as soon as the new water supply agreement is signed which should be in the very near future.

The CMMS Software Implementation project is fully deployed at the Water Treatment Plant and other Public Works Agencies and Facilities Management are starting to use it as well.

All other projects are moving along well.

**b. Status of negotiations with potential new wholesale water customers and updates on the Skokie rate impasse, Lincolnwood connection and Morton Grove Niles Water Commission connection plans**

Mr. Stoneback reported that negotiations are moving along well with Morton Grove-Niles and he anticipates demolition to take place soon. Newsletters will be sent out to residents to keep them informed during the construction of the new pump station. There was no news on the Skokie rate impasse.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Update on Evanston Climate Action Resilience Plan Work Group (CARP)**

Mr. Nieuwsma said there is nothing new to report, but he will be meeting with Kumar Jensen in a week or two. As he stated previously the CARP Work Group has been meeting regularly and are now following standard calculation methodology that other communities around the world are adopting. The most significant change is emissions from gasoline and diesel, and switching from the old methodology based on fuel sales in Evanston to the new metric based on vehicle miles traveled and a new statistical calculation prepared by CMAP actually made Evanston's emissions look a lot better. The City's emissions as

of the end of 2016 which were thought to be 18.8% reduction are actually 25.2% reduction.

**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 under the MS4 permit the City had to create a stormwater master plan, which has finally been completed. Part of that plan requires public comment on the plan itself. Therefore, he is working with the Environment Board which has reviewed the plan and will host a Public Comment meeting at the Environment Board meeting on April 12. The City is also required to submit a report every year showing the progression on the plan and then have a Public Comment meeting on what the annual update was, which will be held at the September 13 Environment Board meeting.

Mr. Shure announced that the Evanston Police Department now accepts pharmaceuticals, which can be dropped off in a box at the Police Department and will help keep them out of the storm system.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Price  
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Public Works Agency