



**UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014, 7:15 A.M.  
Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.  
Large Conference Room

Members Present: M. Landis, D. Lanyon, J. Nieuwsma, E. Rosenberg  
Members Absent: D. Grumman, M. White  
Staff Present: L. Biggs, A. Price  
Staff Absent: C. Hurley, D. Stoneback  
Guests Present: J. Freeman, R. Shore, M. Smith  
Presiding Member: D. Lanyon

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**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE JULY 11, 2014 MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Nieuwsma moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 11, 2014 as submitted, seconded by Ms. Landis. A voice vote was taken and the July 11, 2014 minutes were unanimously approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS**

- a. **Forthcoming Utilities Department activities**  
There were no announcements or communications.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. **Work Plan Item 1.1 Update on development of a building energy efficiency white paper and update on status of city database**  
Mr. Smith distributed a revised white paper to which he had added a one page summary. He requested that the members review it and send him any final changes that they might have.
- b. **Work Plan Item 2.1 Investigate the potential for water conservation and wastewater reuse in city-owned buildings update – Status of draft report on water conservation at five city facilities**  
No action was taken.
- c. **Work Plan Item 2.3 Develop long term needs for municipal sewer and water infrastructure – Item is inactive until consideration of 2015 budget**  
Ms. Biggs stated that the 2015 budget is currently being worked on and has not been finalized yet. She said that the biggest projects for 2015 are the water plant reliability study, and the reservoir and clear well study.
- d. **Dusk-to-Dawn Street Lighting – Status report on ComEd billing street lighting circuits and selection of circuits for testing**  
No action was taken as the differences between the city and Commonwealth Edison records have not been resolved.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**a. Recent Electric System Outages, Basement Flooding Concerns and Water Service Interruptions, and status of 2014 improvement projects**

Ms. Biggs reported the following:

- There were several power outages in July many of which were caused by tree branches falling on power lines due to heavy rainstorms.
- There were several basement backups that were due to heavy rainstorms, and several that were determined to be private lateral problems.
- There were three water main breaks (blowouts), which she said are not unusual for this time of year.
- All of the improvement projects are moving along well, and noted that the north and south standpipe painting and repair project has been rescheduled for next year due to high cost.

**b. Status of negotiations with potential new wholesale water customers**

Ms. Biggs stated that the Village of Lincolnwood has hired Christopher Burke Engineering, and that they will be contacting the City, Des Plaines is now a new partner with the Northwest Water Commission, Glenview has signed a contract with Wilmette to purchase water, and that Niles, Morton Grove, and Park Ridge have hired Bill Balling, previous manager of Arlington Heights, to help them decide between Evanston and Wilmette/Glenview.

**c. Community-wide Water Conservation Initiative – Ideas on development of a city water use efficiency policy for city buildings**

No action was taken.

**d. Report on July 26<sup>th</sup> water system centennial**

Ms. Biggs reported that between 150 and 175 people attended the centennial open house at the water treatment plant and that it went exceedingly well.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**a. Inactive task: Work plan item 1.2 Develop a plan to reduce energy consumption at the water treatment plant – Item complete pending pump replacement schedule**

**b. Inactive task: Work plan item 1.3 Develop a baseline for energy consumption in municipal buildings update – Status of energy consumption database update and update of the Aukman report**

**c. Inactive task: Work plan item 2.2 Reduce the amount of stormwater entering the combined sewers in sandy subsoil areas of the City – Item complete pending the annual report of the Director of Public Works on the Complete and Green Network Approach for Construction Projects in the Public Right of Way**

- d. **Inactive task: Work plan item 2.4 Evaluate the potential impact of pending USEPA sewer/water regulations on the sewer system and water treatment plant**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Price  
Executive Secretary  
Utilities Department