

Cumberland, Wisconsin
July 18, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland Municipal Utility Commission was called to order on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Conference Room located at 1265 2nd Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin, by Utility Commission President Craig Turcott. The following commissioners were present: Craig Turcott, Gerald Thon, John Anderson and Louis E. Muench. Also in attendance was General Manager, Dean Bergstrom, Office Manager, Lori Nyhus, Utility Billing Clerk, Amanda Cook and Cumberland Street Department Jerry Lindfors. Absent commissioner Thomas Goldsmith

There was no public comment.

Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the June 20, 2022 meeting that were provided in advance of the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Thon and seconded by Muench to approve the set of minutes from June 20, 2022, as presented; motion carried.

Next, the commissioners reviewed the special meeting minutes from June 24, 2022. After discussion, a motion was made by Muench and seconded by Thon, to approve the set of minutes from the June 24, 2022, special meeting as presented; motion carried.

The commissioners reviewed the voucher listing for approval that had been provided in advance. After a few questions on the vouchers, a motion was made by Muench and seconded by Thon, to approve payment of said vouchers numbered 12957 through 13072, with 6 automatic payment transactions, for a total dollar amount of \$480,961.27. Motion carried; vouchers approved.

Ms. Cook presented a new report labeled Utility Project which gives us a look at what projects that we have budgeted for and where we are at with the status of projects and how much money has been paid to date and how much we are over/under budget, This is the first time this has been presented to the commissioners as a work in progress, Amanda went through the various projects with the Electric, Water, and Sewer Utility is going through. There was a lot of discussion and the Commission thanked Amanda for her hard work and look forward to the continued updates as we move forward. Next, Mrs. Nyhus then reviewed the financial position of the Utility with the commissioners on paper materials that were provided in advance and by overhead projection via PowerPoint. Overall, the kilowatt sales were down about 8.5% over last year at this time, as Seneca had a late start to the canning season. It was noted that the temperatures were down for the month of June, which led to residential kilowatts being down due to not running air conditioners for the month. In the Water Department, water was down slightly for all categories, which means revenues were down compared to last year. Operation maintenance expenses were also down compared to last year, which puts us at a loss of just under \$10,000 for the month of June. We hope to rebound within the next month after Seneca has a month of running. Again, Seneca water usage was down about 837,000 gallons for the current month and down about 1 million gallons for the year at this point. In the Sewer Department, Metered sales were down with the REC charges being about the same as they were last year. The operation and maintenance revenues are down compared to June 2021. We made some debt payments in June, the largest being the USDA Funding Project for \$94,000.00 and the Cumberland Utility Loan for approximately \$17,000 with a total dept allocation of \$124,269.00. All in all, the Utility is once again in very good financial position. A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Thon to approve the financial statements and Utility Project reports as presented; motion carried.

Next, to review and approve new Office Phone System bids. The General Manager was only able to receive one proposal at this time. After some discussion, a motion was made by Muench and seconded by Thon, to table this and bring back at a later meeting. Motion carried.

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Next was discussion about the Utility/ City Shop project. At this time, we are still waiting to get the contract negotiated with Northwest Builders so we can move ahead with the project and are hoping to have the contract signed in the near future. No action needed to be taken

Next the General Manager informed the commissioners about the luncheon on Wednesday, July 27th at Barron Electric Coop. We will be leaving at 11:20 that morning to drive to their office. Also, there is a PSC/ DNR preconstruction meeting that would take place on Tuesday, July 19th to talk about the process of filing for a construction authorization. Any Commissioners that would like to be present are welcome. We did have a lot of heavy rains the past few days with a lot of water infiltration at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant was able to continue to run and take care of the waste as needed. We had to get some work done on the big Bucket truck and those repairs are done. The Derrick Digger truck is getting looked over for some work that needs to be done. We also discussed the Well #6 site possibly on the Ardisam property just East and North of the Water Tower property. Ardisam proposed that we purchase the property which is 14.5 acres. We are currently looking into more options or see if they would be willing to sell ½ acre of property in which we could build on. The General Manager will look into that further. The Sewer Department UTV is available for pickup, we had ordered earlier this year, we are planning to pick that up soon.

It was noted that the next commission meeting date will be August 15, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in the Utility Conference Room.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Muench, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Thon, Secretary

