

Cumberland, Wisconsin
August 15, 2022

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland Municipal Utility Commission was called to order on Monday, August 15, 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, Louis E. Muench and Thomas Goldsmith via phone. Also in attendance was General Manager, Dean Bergstrom, Office Manager, Lori Nyhus and Utility Billing Clerk, Amanda Cook.

There was no public comment.

Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from the July 18, 2022 meeting that were provided in advance of the meeting. After discussion, a motion was made by Muench and seconded by Anderson to approve the set of minutes from July 18, 2022 as presented; motion carried.

Next, the commissioners reviewed the special meeting minutes from July 28, 2022. After discussion, a motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Thon, to approve the set of minutes from the July 28, 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 vouchers, a motion was made by Muench and seconded by Thon, to approve payment of said vouchers numbered 13073 through 13194, with 10 automatic payment transactions, one cashier's check in the amount of \$21,097.00 from Cumberland Federal Bank and two voided checks numbered 13107 and 13108, for a total dollar amount of \$995,113.38. Motion carried; vouchers approved.

Miss Cook then presented the newly produced Utility Project Report, which shows projects happening in all departments at the Utility. There weren't many changes from the previous month as there is still work in progress on most projects. We will continue reviewing this on a monthly basis as projects are completed.

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. In the Electric Department, the electric kilowatt sales were up 5.5% for the month compared to last July. Revenues were up also, largely due to the PCAC being a positive this July rather than a negative last year at this time. Our Operation and Maintenance Expenses were also up with a net income of \$57,000.00 compared to \$75,500.00 last year, so we are still behind for the year-to-date compared to 2021, but we are gaining. There were some electrical expenses this month with some repairs on generators and to the light plant. In addition, we had some truck repair expenses as well as gasoline prices being high. In the Water Department, all categories were up except for Residential, for an overall increase of 16% for gallons sold in the month compared to last year. Revenues were approximately \$4,000.00 higher than July 2021, resulting in a positive income of \$26,279.00, which was about \$500.00 over last year at this time. Our net income is up about \$6,000.00 compared to 2021, but our year-to-date income is still negative \$16,000.00 compared to this time last year. Seneca's usage is up about 1,000,000 gallons compared to last year, so we hope that Seneca continues to increase production for the month of August. In the Sewer Department, usage is up slightly under 400,000 gallons for the month of July. Sewer Operation and Maintenance Revenues are up about \$8,000.00 with a net income of \$28,000.00 for the month, whereas last year we were at a negative \$14,000.00. We made 3 payments for the month of July to Debt Service Reserve, Long-Term Debt Retirement and Collection System Replacement Fund. We have paid \$631,216.90 towards Membranes and Screen Projects. We hope the projects will be completed soon so we can close that account. The cash balance remains strong and the Utility continues to be in sound financial condition. A motion was made by Thon and seconded by Muench, to approve the financial statements and Utility Project Reports as presented; motion carried.

Next, updates on the Utility/City Shop project were discussed. Mrs. Nyhus checked into getting a joint checking account with the City at Cumberland Federal Bank. It was stated that we could do so, but we need to decide who would be the signer of checks and how we would want that account set up. The General Manager spoke with the mayor and the contract has been agreed upon between all sides and will be signed hopefully in the near future. With no action needed to be taken, the General Manager's report was given.

The General Manager had a quote from Fahrner for asphalt sealing of the blacktop at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The General Manager was looking for advice from the Commission on how to proceed.

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Next was discussion about an Automatic Meter Reading System. The General Manager asked if the commissioners would still like to see two presentations to learn more about Automatic Meter Reading Systems, so the General Manager will set the presentations up in early September.

Next, projected costs for two watermain projects were discussed. The first project is at the end of Hines Lakeview Drive. The watermain will be bored in and connected to eight residential services and hydrants. The projected cost of this project is just under \$350,000.00 due to watermain breaks in that area we believe to be caused by soil eating away at the pipe. The second is the Highway 63 bridge near Louie's on the Lake. The plan is to get the two watermain lines out of the old box culvert prior to the new bridge being put in. The total projected cost is almost \$800,000.00. This was brought forward to the commissioners and will be discussed further as we proceed. The lighting project at the beach has been completed and primarily paid for by grant money that was received from our insurance company and also from the City's insurance company. The lighting turned out very nice and lights the areas that need to be illuminated along the sidewalk and bathroom area.

The pickup truck at the Sewer Plant is having transmission issues, so a new transmission will be installed in the truck as soon as it comes in. The Digger Derrick truck will be finished and we will get it back in the near future, as they were waiting on one part.

We will have two trucks and a trailer in the Rutabaga Parade celebrating the Utility's 125th Anniversary and an open house on September 21st from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Focus on Energy will be here set up with a booth to promote energy saving practices. Lastly, the General Manager asked if the commissioners thought it would be a benefit to have Tom Polacek and/or Gary Price come and speak to the Commission. All commissioners thought it would be money well-spent. The General Manager will set this presentation up in the near future.

It was noted that the next commission meeting date will be September 19, 2022 at 4:00PM in the Utility Conference Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Gerald Thon, Secretary