

Cumberland, Wisconsin
March 21, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Cumberland Municipal Utility Commission was called to order on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall located at 950 1st Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin, by Utility Commission President, Craig Turcott. The following commissioners were present: Craig Turcott, Gerald Thon, John Anderson, Thomas Goldsmith and Louis E. Muench. Also in attendance was General Manager Dean Bergstrom, Office Manager Lori Nyhus, Utility Billing Clerk Amanda Cook, Mayor Dan Shoemaker, alderman Jim Schullo, Street Superintendent Jerry Lindfors, Mike Benjamin and Curt Jacobs.

A motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Muench, to approve the agenda. Motion carried; agenda approved.

Next, there was discussion about the 2023 PSC Water Rate Case. The General Manager stated that the process of applying for a water rate increase was started in June of 2022, and on October 17, 2022 it was brought to the Utility Commission for approval to proceed with a water rate increase. After the application was submitted to the PSC, the PSC reviewed the application and set a hearing date which will be April 5, 2023 at 2:00pm via Zoom. The Utility Commission, City Officials and water rate payers from the City of Cumberland can join the meeting via Zoom to express their concerns with the PSC. There was no action required to be taken on this agenda item as it was for informational purposes only.

During the public comment period, Michael Benjamin spoke about the Utility's cash on hand, wages that the Utility pays, raises that the Utility employees received in 2022 and other miscellaneous items. There was some response to Mr. Benjamin's statements regarding cash on hand, which will be used for projects in the future and will save the Utility from having to borrow money and pay on a yearly basis. Also, the Utility must keep three months of cash on hand in case it is needed for payment of future invoices.

A motion was made by Thon and seconded by Goldsmith, to approve the February 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried; meeting minutes approved.

Next, a motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Muench, to approve the February 24, 2023 special meeting minutes. Motion carried; special meeting minutes approved.

Next, the commissioners reviewed the voucher listing for approval that was provided in advance. It was stated that the vouchers are seven weeks worth of vouchers which is more than our normal month. After a few inquiries about some of the vouchers on the list, a motion was made by Muench and seconded by Thon, to approve payment of said vouchers numbered 13823 through 14020, with 21 automatic payment transactions, for total dollar amount of \$1,027,825.74. Motion carried; vouchers approved.

Utility Billing Clerk, Amanda Cook, then presented the Utility Project Report. There were LED lights purchased for above Units 7 and 8 in the Generation Plant. The electric meter test bench project was completed and paid in full, so that was moved to the completed projects area for 2023. Being no other changes in the Utility Project Report, Office Manager Nyhus reviewed the Financial Report which she modified to make it easier to understand. The financials presented were for the month of February and year-to-date. Our total net income for the Electric Department in the month of February was \$4,100.00 and year-to-date net income is \$17,220.00. In the Water Department revenue and expenses, there was a net income of approximately negative \$44,000.00 for the month of February and year-to-date net income is negative \$55,000.00. In the Sewer Department revenues, net income for February was \$38,800.00 and year-to-date is \$209,000.00. The total cash reserves for the Water and Electric Departments is a total of \$135,824.00. The Sewer Department net cash flow that is uncommitted is \$61,720.00. Again, it was noted that cash-on-hand would disappear quickly when future projects in the Water and/or Electric Department are completed. We would be able to pay for some of these projects with the cash-on-hand and this would lower the cash-on-hand balance. A motion was made by Thon and seconded by Goldsmith, to approve the Utility Project Report and the Financial Report as presented; motion carried.

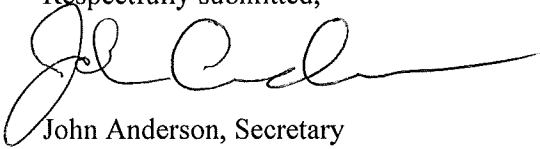
Next there was discussion about the new Utility Shop building. The General Manager was asked to talk with Jonathan Kauffman from J & A Northwest Construction to inquire about getting approved plans and specs for a building and to set up a meeting to do so.

Next the General Manager's Report was presented. The General Manager reported that he had two employees that fell on ice during meter reading. No serious injuries occurred, just bumps and bruises. When the Generation Department was completing an annual air emissions inventory report, it was noted that we now have to report our smaller generators are at sewer lift stations, Well #5, the water tower and at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Utility Shop. This all has to be included in the air emissions report, which made it more time-consuming to get those added and also to get the reports submitted correctly to the DNR. The Cumberland Utility was also reimbursed by We Energies for four natural gas services that were installed to the twin homes in the new development for a total of \$14,484.00. The Cumberland Utility paid \$38,000.00 for installation of natural gas services with We Energies and we hope to get reimbursed that total dollar amount within the next few years. The General Manager also stated that he is looking at new and/or used forklifts to use at the Utility Shop. Currently, we are using the skid steer with forks, but the machine is bulky so it makes it difficult to get around inside the buildings safely.

It was noted that the next commission meeting date will be April 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the Utility Conference Room.

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

Respectfully submitted,



John Anderson, Secretary