

September 19, 2023

President Jeff Hyslop called the monthly meeting of the Eagle River Light, Water and WWTP Commission to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Walt Gander, Ron Kressin, and Jeff Hyslop.

Excused absence: David Eibner and Dan Grosskopf.

Others in attendance: Mike Sanborn, Robin Ginner, Jesse Roberts and John Laszczkowski.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Ron Kressin to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion by Ron Kressin, second by Walt Gander to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Ron Kressin to approve payment of the accounts payable bills. Roll call vote: Walt Gander, aye; Ron Kressin, aye; Jeff Hyslop, aye; Carried.

Motion by Ron Kressin, second by Walt Gander to approve August electronic payments/manual checks. Roll call vote: Ron Kressin, aye; Walt Gander, aye; Jeff Hyslop, aye; Carried.

President Jeff Hyslop opened for comments on any correspondence included in the agenda package: No additional comments or discussion.

President Jeff Hyslop opened for discussion of staff reports:

Jesse Roberts updated the Commission on customers that he is actively involved with on energy audits, conservation programs and billing classes. Jesse discussed EV charging station options at length, focusing on the numerous challenges with cost, maintenance and security issues.

John Laszczkowski discussed financial activities through August. Consecutive light accounts payable months are helping all three utilities and cash flow has improved with the summer months. Our customer sales continue to be solid and the power cost impact was stable again this time. Our past due accounts have dropped to a very low \$3,510 and now only represents .8% of our receivables. Thanks to the exceptional work by Cindy Franz, this is even lower than last year. Mike & I have been busy working on three active dockets with the PSC – water rates, electric rates and bucket truck authorization. CLA has just finished their first audit report for the Utility. I would expect that future years will be less cumbersome for them. Lastly, I would like to thank Mike, Robin and Becky for taking care of the August meeting during my absence.

Mike Sanborn discussed his operational report in additional detail, which included working with Superior Electric on a quote for the future Well#3 project.

Approval of a 4-year renewal to continue enrollment in the MEUW Regional Safety Program.

After a discussion on possible inclusion of other City departments in this safety training, motion by Walt Gander and second by Ron Kressin to approve a four-year renewal and make annual payments. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Kressin, aye; Hyslop, aye. Carried.

WPPI Energy EV charger incentive program.

After a lengthy discussion, item was tabled for future discussions.

City Hall dog policy for incoming visitors.

After a discussion, group decision to permit management to post signs, at their discretion, at City Hall that only allow for service dogs in the building for visitors.

Based on limited Commission attendance, Closed Session tabled until October for full participation.

Motion by Ron Kressin, second by Walt Gander to adjourn at 2:17 P.M. Carried.

John Laszczkowski
Recording Secretary
