

October 17, 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: Dan Grosskopf, Walt Gander, and Ron Kressin. Absent: David Eibner

Others in attendance: Mike Sanborn, Robin Ginner and Becky Bolte

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Dan Grosskopf to approve the agenda. Carried.

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

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

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Dan Grosskopf to approve September electronic payments/manual checks. Roll call vote: Walt Gander, aye; Dan Grosskopf, aye; Ron Kressin, 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: Sanborn reported Light and Water is renewing another 3-year term with Focus on Energy as customers continue to get more back than is spent. The financial activities update was postponed until next meeting as Office Manager John Laszczkowski was unavailable.

Approval of the Superior Electrical Systems estimate to upgrade the interior electrical components at Well #3 for \$36,250.00.

After a discussion, motion by Ron Kressin and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve the Superior Electrical Systems estimate to upgrade the interior electrical components at Well #3 for \$36,250.00. Roll call vote: Kressin, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

Approval to offer the WPPI Energy EV charger incentive program.

Sanborn presented that this incentive would be available to private entities to assist in acquiring EV charging stations. Discussion on impacts of the incentive including the reallocation of the end of year customer giveaways money into the incentive program which would eliminate the giveaways and the sale of kilowatt hours bringing in revenue. Motion by Walt Gander and second by Dan Grosskopf to approve to offer the WPPI Energy EV charger incentive program beginning January 1, 2024, not to exceed \$2,000 in community funds usage for this program. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

Approval of a new 5-year water tower lease agreement with SonicNet.

After a discussion, motion by Dan Grosskopf and second by Ron Kressin to approve a new 5-year water tower lease agreement with SonicNet. Roll call vote: Grosskopf, aye; Kressin, aye; Gander, aye. Carried.

AT&T Water Tower Lease buyout.

After discussion focusing on concern of losing control of water tower, no action was taken on the AT&T Water Tower Lease buyout. Additional information to be obtained.

Motion by Walt Gander and second by Ron Kressin to adjourn to Closed Session according to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c); Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. i. Employee succession planning ii. Review of an employee’s duties and wage. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Kressin, aye; Grosskopf, aye. Carried.

Motion by Ron Kressin and second by Walt Gander to return to open session to act on matters discussed in closed session if any action is needed. Roll call vote: Kressin, aye; Gander, aye; Grosskopf, aye. Carried.

Motion by Walt Gander and second by Dan Grosskopf to increase current hourly pay rate of Utility Clerk/Billing Clerk by \$3.00 per hour, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Gander, aye; Grosskopf, aye; Kressin, aye. Carried.

Discussion on November meeting scheduling. The November Commissioners meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 1:00PM.

Motion by Walt Gander, second by Ron Kressin to adjourn at 2:07 P.M. Carried.

Becky J Bolte
Clerk – City of Eagle River
