

Minutes of Electric Committee Meeting

Monday August 10, 2015

4:00 PM

Attending: Alderman Clyde Heller, Stan Darter, Russ Thomas, Vicki Koerber, Shawn Kennedy, Tim Birk and Verbal Blakey via conference call. Alderwoman Rita Trantham was unavailable.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 by Chairman Clyde Heller.

Agenda 1: Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items: None.

Agenda 2: Approval of 11-24-14 Electric Committee Minutes. After reviewing minutes, motion to accept made by Stan Darter and seconded by Russ Thomas. Minutes approved.

Agenda 3: Electric Update. Tim Birk provided committee with information on three upcoming items that will need committee and council actions. Items that will require action are: Conduct and update of Rate Study, Topic of Net Metering, and the procurement and installation support of AMI, Automated Metering Information, and City capability of supporting this with current LOCIS Financial system. At this time he brought Verbal Blakey, BHMGE Engineer into the conversation via teleconference. Verbal addressed the order of how the City will need to conduct the topics to ensure all known capabilities are supportable. Verbal stated that conducting a Rate Study would provide the basis for the City to determine how our existing ordinance can be examined to support Net Metering. Current Ordinance reflects a specified means to refund solar/wind power generation. This will need to be addressed after we know the balance of revenues from the electric fund. Our current study is five years old. Additionally, a three phase rate structure should be addressed. After the study is complete, this committee and Ordinance Committee can address suggested changes to Net Metering. Thirdly, the selection and procurement of Automated Metering Information methods can be accomplished. Verbal will receive information support from Shawn on audit results and LOCIS technology updates that can be acquired if available. Recommend to council for approval of Rate Study.

Agenda 4: Comments. Future work with zoning will need to address installation of solar panels and wind farms.

Motion made by Russ Thomas to adjourn, second by Vicki Koerber. Meeting adjourned at 4:40.

Submitted by Clyde Heller