

Commission Members Present: Dan Herlihey, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, Larry Roos, John Butler, Sean Cronin (arrived at 4:20 pm part way through item 4), Tom Vail

Commission Members Absent: Stephanie Fancher-English, Randy Williams

Council Liaison: Steve Olson

City Staff Members Present: Andrew Paranto, Derek Turner, Frank Lindauer, Garth Silvernale, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, Kim O'Field, Larry Howard, Michelle Erickson, Nathan Alburn, Roger Berg, Ryan Van Pelt, Tanner Randall, Tom Greene, William Ullom, Yarani Vasquez

Guest Attendance: Jane Clevenger, Bruce Croissant, Dick Mallot, Richard Jurin, Sylvia Jurin, Rick Euker

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Hausman called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

NEW EMPLOYEE/NEW POSITION INTRODUCTIONS

Frank Lindauer – Senior Electrical Engineer
William Ullom – Distribution Design Supervisor
Yarani Vasquez – Electrical Engineer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hausman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion to approve the minutes as amended.

Second: John Butler seconded the motion. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

Amendment: Dan Herlihey amended the minutes to acknowledge that item 6 was withdrawn with the agreement of the requestor.

CITIZENS REPORT

Bruce Croissant introduced himself as a fellow citizen and activist who serves on the transportation advisory board and was attending to watch the meeting and he expressed gratitude for all the work that we do.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 1: Electric Legislative Update – Kim O'Field

This item and the attachment are intended to give a brief update on electric-related legislation at both the state and federal level. Loveland Water and Power works closely with Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) and its sister cities but relies primarily on the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) for information on electric-related legislation.

Information Item only. No action required.

Item 2: Water Legislative Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This item is intended to give a brief update on water-related legislation being contemplated by the Colorado General Assembly. Loveland Water and Power relies primarily on the Colorado Water Congress (CWC) for information on water-related legislation.

Information Item only. No action required.

Item 3: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt

Raw water supply update.

Information Item only. No action required.

REGULAR AGENDA**Item 4: 2019 Power Cost-of-Service Rate Study Direction – Jim Lees**

The purpose of this item is to get direction from the LUC to take to City Council to incorporate into the rate designs for the Power Cost-of-Service Rate Study.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion recommending that City Council direct Staff to use the Minimum System Requirement methodology to calculate the Base Charge for all customer classes for 2020.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion to approve the item.

Second: John Butler seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously by the other LUC . (Sean Cronin abstained from voting since he was not here for that portion of the discussion.)

Recommendation: Adopt a motion recommending that City Council direct Staff to use option 3 as presented today for designing the rates for 2020 for the Residential Self-Generating Class.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion to approve the item.

Second: Gene Packer seconded the motion. The item was approved by a majority vote. (Sean Cronin and John Butler opposed the motion.)

Item 5: Proposed 10-Year Capital Improvement Plans – Jim Lees

The purpose of this item is to present an overview of the 2020 to 2029 10-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Water, Raw Water, Wastewater, and Power Utilities. Staff is requesting that the Loveland Utilities Commission adopt a motion recommending that City Council approve the proposed 10-Year CIPs.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion recommending that City Council approve the proposed 2020 10-Year CIPs for the Raw Water, Water, Wastewater and Power Utilities.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion to approve the item.

Second: John Butler seconded the motion. The item was approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS**Item 6: Augmentation Water Policies – Larry Howard**

The City of Loveland is receiving requests to provide augmentation water in the form of long-term lease agreements. For comparison, this Staff Report discusses the ways in which several water suppliers in the Northern Front Range handle requests for fully reusable augmentation water, and presents known pros and cons associated with these types of lease agreements.

Staff Report only. No action required.

Item 7: Quarterly Financial Report Update – Jim Lees

This item summarizes the monthly and year-to date financials for March 2019. Pushed to next month Staff Report only. No action required.

This item was pushed to the May 2019 LUC meeting.

COMMISSION/COUNCIL REPORTS**Item 8: Commission/Council Reports**

Discuss events that the Loveland Utility Commission Board members attended, special topics and any City Council items related to the Water and Power Department from the past month.

Tom Vail: none

Larry Roos: none

Gene Packer: Inquired where we are in timing with Chimney Hollow. Staff responded that they hope to be starting construction next year depending on the outcome of the current litigation case. Derek Turner provided an overview of what has occurred in the court case.

Sean Cronin: His son was involved in a statewide stock competition at Carrie Martin Elementary and earned the school \$100. The school decided to focus the \$100 on some type of water project. They had an entrepreneurial fair where the children made and sold things and turned the \$100 into \$500. He complimented Chris Giesting on his enthusiasm to provide a tour of the water treatment plant for the students.

John Butler: Had several red flags out front indicating where the power was and he was hoping they would be putting an LED light in his front yard, but they did not.

Dan Herlihey: none

Gary Hausman: none

Council Report: Attended a water conference in Houston, Texas that had a purpose to provide opportunities for collaboration on water utility issues. Issues regarding water are local issues and differ depending on where you are. They discussed integrating land use and water use, growing interest in water reuse initiatives (gray water, rain harvesting, non-potable reuse, etc.) and water conservation initiatives. Enjoyed attending The Spring Water Users meeting at The Ranch hosted by Northern Water. On March 19th, City Council approved an IGA on solid waste and Fort Collins has withdrawn their approval because of concerns with some of their haulers. Broadband bonds of almost \$100M sold in about 1.5 hours with great rates of 3.49% for taxable and 3.02% for non-taxable.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Item 9: Director's Report – Joe Bernosky**

The snow pack is doing well on both sides of the continental divide. Northern Water set a 70% quota allocation on CBT. We have some great new staff in the Power Division.

ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm. The next LUC Meeting will be May 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Erickson
Recording Secretary
Loveland Utilities Commission
/s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman