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Nine members appointed by City Council

Liaison members – a City Council member and two non-voting staff members – serve on the Loveland Utilities Commission (LUC).

Gary Hausman (pictured top right) was recently appointed as a City Council liaison to the Water and Power, 200 N. Wilson Ave. Meetings are open to the public and located at 1501 Lincoln Ave.

Utterly fascinating is how the inner workings of Loveland Water and Power’s ten most notable accomplishments of 2016

1. Completion of a $24 million water treatment plant expansion

This project increased plant capacity from 50 million gallons a day (mgd) to 58 mgd. It also helps improve reliability and increases energy efficiency.

2. Began design phase of $57 million wastewater treatment plant project

With the project expected to go to construction in 2017, this major project will improve the water quality in the Thompson River.

3. Embarked on exploration of Broad-Band Internet Service

In 2016 LWP completed the design and construction of the 3.5 megawatt solar field. Stay, staff has completed the design of a new facility.

4. Working to complete Foothills Solar Power Station project

LWP staff created new financial analysis, LWP decided to increase overall program effectiveness. Staff also trained businesses on using the new web portal.

5. Key Accounts program

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7. Completed Cost-of-Serve study

This study took in-depth look at our rates for each customer class and helped to develop a 5-year price plan and make overall rate improvements to our power funds.

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9. Assisted in development of Platte Valley Reservoir

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The new plan encompasses resources planning, demand side management and the future of energy efficiency goals.

10. Continued rehabilitation of Big Thompson Canyon

LWP worked to enhance the roadway of the electrical line in the canyon by hardening and modernizing infrastructures to accommodate the new roadway.

Resident views show growth is ‘elephant in the room’

P u b l i c input in the annual survey of Annual Quality of Life Study showed the trend continues into 2016.

They flocked to the opinion poll in greater numbers than in any previous year, with more than 1,400 responses. More than half of those, an all-time high of 860, submitted optional written comments.

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“Those older retirees bringing money in from investments, and the trend that we've observed in real estate trends that we are validated by real estate market trends that shows upward,” said Karl Barton, senior planner in the City’s Community and Strategic Planning Division of the City’s Division of Planning Services.

Barton also looks to a forecast that Loveland’s population will grow about 2.5% each year for the next several years, but “that doesn’t mean that communities like ours can’t do things to manage and prepare for that pace of growth,” he said.

Population shift

The components of Loveland’s population are also changing as well. Our median age climbed by about 3 years in the last several years, but “that doesn’t mean that communities like ours can’t do things to manage and prepare for that pace of growth,” he said.

Meanwhile, younger than 20 living here and the area’s overall population are also changing. “That’s why it’s so important for us to make sure that communities like ours can’t do things to manage and prepare for that pace of growth,” he said.

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Barton and others in the City’s strategic planning section, which works with other City departments, annually compile a comprehensive list of population, housing data and other factors to create a comprehensive report.

The report, 23 pages of data on data, illuminates trends in population growth, downtown Loveland’s development and other City development and land-use processes.

A guide to downtown makes by departments and divisions in City government.

Plan approved

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The construction is scheduled for implementation this year. The winter closure ensures a safe work zone for the Recreation Trail and throughout the river corridor with minimal disturbance to local businesses, including the Wilson Avenue parking area adjacent to the bridge.

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Get Involved

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GETTING TO KNOW THOSE WHO MAKE UP THE LOVELAND UTILITIES COMMISSION

There are many faces in Loveland that work behind the scenes to make sure the city's water, wastewater, and power are delivered efficiently and effectively. For instance, the Loveland Water and Power (LWP) Commission is an important body that makes decisions on rates, policies, and projects that ultimately impact the quality of life for Loveland residents.

The Commission is made up of five members who serve four-year terms. The members are responsible for making decisions that impact the city's utilities and services. The Commission meets on the third Monday of every month in the City Council Chambers.

LWP Commission members serve in a non-voting capacity and are appointed by the City Council. They provide oversight and guidance to the City staff and help ensure that the utility services are meeting the needs of the community.

Contrary to common belief, the Commission does not have the authority to make decisions on everyday operations. Those decisions are made by the LWP management and employees. However, the Commission is an important part of the decision-making process when it comes to large-scale projects and long-term planning.

The Commission's focus is on the long-term sustainability of the utility services and ensuring that the city's residents have access to reliable and affordable water, wastewater, and power.

Loveland Water and Power's ten most notable accomplishments of 2016

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1. LWP has completed the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant expansion, increasing the plant's capacity from 30 million gallons per day to 38 million gallons per day. This expansion is the first step in a multi-year plan to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant.

2. LWP began design phase of a $37 million expansion and renovation project at the wastewater treatment plant. This project will include increased plant capacity, improved safety for workers, and enhanced technology.

3. LWP embarked on exploration of Broadband Internet Service in Loveland. This project aims to increase access to high-speed internet service throughout the city.

4. LWP completed the design and construction of the 3.5 megawatt solar field. The solar field is located in the foothills and is expected to provide up to 15% of the city's electricity needs.

5. LWP staff created new and improved customer service processes, including a new website and mobile app. These changes have led to increased customer satisfaction and improved overall program effectiveness.

6. LWP staff has worked hard to increase overall program effectiveness. Staff has also focused on improving customer satisfaction and enhancing the overall customer experience.

7. LWP has focused on increasing operational efficiency. This includes implementing new processes and technologies to reduce costs and improve service.

8. LWP has been a leader in promoting energy efficiency and conservation. The city has implemented several initiatives to help residents and businesses save money on energy costs.

9. LWP has continued to be a leader in promoting renewable energy sources. The city has made significant investments in solar and wind energy, and has set ambitious goals for future renewable energy projects.

10. LWP has continued to be a leader in promoting smart grid technology. The city has implemented several initiatives to help residents and businesses save money on energy costs.
Getting to know those who make up the Loveland Utilities Commission

There are many groups and boards in the City that can award and approve contracts of $500,000 or more

City that can award and approve in that it is the only board in the utility operations and services provided by the City.

This enables board members to continue to build their experience from current board and experience with City Council.

This year (2016) was proven to be the busiest one for Loveland Water and Power (LWP).

LWP staff has worked hard planning for the future in order to continue to move toward its goals.

There are no term-renewal limits.

The inner workings of Loveland Water and Power are not a mystery.

As a hometown boy I've been able to be a part of the changes our residents face.