

Commission Members Present: Dan Herlihey, Don Cook, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, Larry Roos, Randy Williams, Sean Cronin, and Stephanie Fancher-English.

Commission Members Absent: John Butler (excused) and Richard Rhoads.

Council Liaison Present: Steve Olson and Rob Molloy (alternate).

City Staff Members Present: Bill Crowell, Christine Schraeder, Derek Turner, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, Joe Creaghe, John Beckstrom, Larry Howard, Lynn Valdez, Nathan Alburn, Roger Berg, Ryan Van Pelt, Tanner Randall, Tracey Hewson, Travis Johnson, and Yarani Vasquez.

Guest Attendance: Dave Mills, Gale Bernhardt, additional guests not listed.

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Hausman called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hausman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 meeting.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion.

Second: Gene Packer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CITIZENS REPORT

Dave Mills, who spoke at the December 2019 LUC meeting, said that the electric vehicle (EV) charging location at the Public Library is now working. Mills thanked staff for getting this done. **Joe Bernosky** said that the gratitude belongs to **Christine Schraeder** for getting these EV chargers working. Mills also mentioned that he would like to see an EV charger at the Foundry parking garage. Mills discussed water conservation; specifically how water is becoming more expensive. However, he noted that but the Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) says that electricity is pretty much flat (not being elevated) because even though population is growing, efficiency has increased within more modern homes and tactics. Mills mentioned that a lot of the City properties and parklands use Kentucky blue grass, which requires a lot more water to keep it alive. Mills questioned if the City can create more proactive water conservation strategies. **Bernosky** said that this year, we were required by the State to update the Water Efficiency Plan. Staff member, Michelle Erikson, just completed the draft plan. On a more immediate front, the City has expanded the Efficiency Works Program that mostly focused on electricity to include water. **Bernosky** said that staff will be coming back to LUC and City Council with the new Water Efficiency Plan over the next few months. **Councilor Steve Olson** said that we recently had a graph on the utilization of water. **Bernosky** said that the graph showed that the per capita use per person has been declining for several years. This indicates that our community has become more aware and sensitive to water use.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Item 4.1: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This item provided a brief update of the City of Loveland's raw water supply.

Information item only. No action required.

CONSENT AGENDA**Item 5.1: Wastewater Treatment Plant Biosolids Contract with Veris Environmental LLC – Joe Creaghe**

This contract is for Veris Environmental LLC to provide the hauling and disposal services needed to maintain proper treatment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The not-to-exceed total in the Veris Environmental LLC Biosolids hauling contract for 2020 will be \$700,000.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion approving the 2020 Contract for Veris Environmental LLC for Hauling and Land Application of Biosolids with a not-to-exceed contract price of \$700,000 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the renewal for service.

Motion: Herlihey made the motion.

Second: Stephanie Fancher-English seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT**Item 6.1: Update on the Idylwilde Hydro License Surrender – Christine Schraeder**

As a result of the 2013 Flood, Idylwilde Hydro Plant was damaged beyond repair and required full removal of all pipeline, turbine housing, dam and other appurtenances. The project was split into four phases due to differing ownership of land and authority. As each phase is completed, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) removes the associated equipment lien of responsibility from our overall license.

Recommendation: Information item only. No action required.

Item 6.2: Little Thompson Water District Intergovernmental Agreement – Roger Berg

This item presents the proposed framework for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Loveland and the Little Thompson Water District.

Recommendation: Information item only. No action required. The District Board will consider the proposed IGA in early February 2020, and staff will present a finalized IGA for LUC approval on February 19, 2020.

Item 6.3: Methodology for Calculating and Recognized Market Value of One Unit of Colorado-Big Thompson Project Water – Nathan Alburn

This item presents a follow-up to the method of calculating the weighted average of the market value of a unit of Colorado-Big Thompson (CBT). This calculation is directly related to the Cash-in-Lieu (CIL) price charged to satisfy water rights required for development of areas served City of Loveland (City).

Recommendation: Information item only, no action required. At this time, staff is suggesting that the Traditional Method continue to be used; it is consistent, straight-forward, and transparent. The LUC members agreed that the Traditional Method should be used.

Item 6.4: Water Bank Update with Balances and Transactions – Nathan Alburn

The City of Loveland (City) Municipal Code Chapter 19.04 describes the Water Bank and its purposes. “The City has established a Water Bank for the purpose of facilitating transfers of water rights to the City in satisfaction of the City's water rights requirements.”

The Water Bank is one of four methods in which developers can satisfy the water rights requirements for a City of Loveland water tap. It has several benefits that help both the City and developers. This item and associated presentation gives a brief summary of the Water Bank, the current balances, and transactions that occurred in 2019.

Recommendation: Information item only. No action required.

COMMISSION/COUNCIL REPORTS**Item 9: Commission/Council Reports**

Dan Herlihey: None.

Don Cook: None.

Gary Hausman: None.

Gene Packer: Packer said there was an addition to a pipeline added at Devils Backbone recently. **Berg** said that this was the MOD valve vault, which is a modulating vault with three pipes that bring water from the water plants into town. The valves are controlled electronically to hold water back in the plant so it does not get released in the town too fast. Some of the valves were being replaced.

John Butler: None.

Larry Roos: None.

Randy Williams: **Williams** said that on Saturday, at his house on Glade Road, someone was hanging fiber optical cable was being hung off the electrical line. He was curious about what was being installed, but staff was unaware.

Sean Cronin: **Cronin** met with the Colorado Conservation Board who is looking to change their grant application process for the Water Plant grants. It might be a good time for the City of Loveland to access these grant monies.

Cronin mentioned a campaign called, "For the Love of Colorado". He suggested that we look up their campaign online to gain more information and monitor their campaign.

Stephanie Fancher-English: None.

Council Report: **Councilor Olson** said introduced **Rob Molloy**, who is an alternate to the Commission and a newly elected member of City Council. **Bernosky** said that on January 23, 2020, Council Members will participate in an introduction to Water and Power, where new plans will be laid out and important information shared. (This event was later delayed to February 10, 2020). **Olson** also said that many City Council meetings were cancelled due to the holidays.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Item 10: Director's Report – None**

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at **6:03 pm**. The next LUC Meeting will be February 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Valdez
Recording Secretary
Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman