

Kaukauna WI
March 16, 2011

The regular meeting of Kaukauna Utilities Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Secretary Tom McGinnis. Commission members present were Gene Rosin, Bill Vanderloop, Tom Driessen, Lee Meyerhofer (by telephone conference), Tom McGinnis, John Moore, and Cindy Fallona. Also present were Paul Van Berkel, City Attorney, Jeff Feldt, Mike Kawula, Denise Vanderloop, Eric Miller, and Don Krause from KU. Also present were KU employees and members of Local 2150 IBEW Brian Delforge, Corey Huntley, Mike Petersen, Dave Hartjes, Andy Vanden Heuvel, Brian Willms, Rich Sorenson, Mike Beining, Neil Jack, Kelly O'Keefe, Scott LaFreniere, John Schroeder, Sean Latimer, Frank Vander Wyst, Jim Roberts, Mark Damro, Jack Wolter, Randy Vercauteren, Jason Wegand, Jim Grogan, Eugene Klister, Mike Bergner, and Dennis Besaw. Mike Lewin from IBEW, Brian Roebke from the Times Villager, Diana Driessen, Karen Brooks and Dave Pahl were also present.

It was moved by Bill Vanderloop, seconded by Gene Rosin to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2011 regular Commission meeting as written.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

There was no public comment.

Water Department Supervisor Kevin Obiala told the Commission Kaukauna Utilities would like to implement a Lead Replacement Ordinance. The ordinance is necessary to minimize the amount of lead in the city drinking water supply, to meet EPA standards and the WDNR requirements for local compliance with the Federal Lead and Copper Rule. During a water main construction project the water lateral up to the curb stop is replaced leaving lead service (in some parts of the city) on the homeowner's side of the curb stop. The proposed ordinance would require homeowners to replace their lead water lateral at the homeowner's expense at the same time as a water main reconstruction project. Residents would have the option of paying the cost upon completion of the project or put the balance on their property tax bill.

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Lee Meyerhofer to approve the Lead Service Replacement Ordinance as drafted and recommend to the Common Council the adoption of the ordinance.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

Kevin Obiala also reviewed the updated ordinance for Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention. The new ordinance is more detailed as to how often inspections will occur, gives definitions pertaining to Cross-Connection Control, and the new Wisconsin Administrative Code Number.

It was moved by Gene Rosin, seconded by Bill Vanderloop to approve the Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Ordinance as drafted and recommend to the Common Council the adoption of the Ordinance.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Tom Driessen to approve the accounts receivable write offs.

Roll call Vote:	Gene Rosin	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Cindy Fallona	aye
	John Moore	aye
	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Tom Driessen, that checks numbered 46399 through 46593 in the amount of \$5,293,742.01 be approved for payment.

Roll Call Vote:	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	John Moore	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye
	Cindy Fallona	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye

Motion Carried

The commission reviewed the monthly reports.

Staff reports:

Manager of Finance and Administration, Mike Kawula, advised the Commission the new electric rates were effective February 1, 2011. The Accounting Department is completing year-end reports. The Auditors will be here next week. Mike has received the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Actuarial Report completed in conjunction with the City. The Customer Service/Billing Department has sent out a number of notices to customers advising the moratorium is ending April 15th.

Manager of Electric Distribution, Eric Miller, advised the Commissioners that the Line Crew has finished reconstruction work on 18th and 19th Streets and will begin work on 20th Street next. The GIS rural inventory is completed and the urban structures will be next.

Manager of Generation and Operations Mike Pedersen is on vacation but he and Jeff Feldt will meet with Voith Hydro next week on negotiations for the Badger Hydro Project.

Water Superintendent Kevin Obiala told the commissioners the emergency table top water exercise went very well. The water crew is working valves, doing leak detection and fixing water main breaks.

Manager of Information and Technology Don Krause has completed the network reconfiguration connecting three more KU sites and has received the parts necessary to repair the KHS electronic kiosk.

Manager of Human Resources, Denise Vanderloop, has been busy with the budget repair act.

Jeff Feldt told the Commissioners he is on the board of the Park Community Charter School. They will work with KU, the Library and 1000 Islands Environmental Center on programs for the charter school.

Jeff Feldt, John Moore and Lee Meyerhofer attended the APPA Legislative Rally in Washington DC and met with Representative Ribble and Senators Kohl and Johnson.

The quarterly bill summary shows KU with favorable rates compared to neighboring investor-owned utilities as well as other utilities throughout the state.

The reliability summary shows that KU customers can expect an average of 33 minutes of power outage annually as compared to the national average of 70 minutes. This is a good selling point for attracting businesses to the industrial park.

The MEUW Legislative Rally is April 5th in Madison, the retirement party for Roy Thilly, WPPI Energy CEO, will be on April 7th at Lake Windsor, and the MEUW Annual Conference is June 8-10.

Jeff Feldt received a request form Local 2150 IBEW to extend their contract to 2013 with modification to include the 5.8% WRS contribution effective 1/1/2012 and the employee portion of the health insurance premium at 12% of the lowest cost plan also effective 1/1/2012 with a 0% wage increase for 2012 and 2013.

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Cindy Fallona to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the request by Local 2150 IBEW for a contract extension at 4:33 p.m.

Roll call Vote:	Cindy Fallona	aye
	John Moore	aye
	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Bill Vanderloop to return to Open Session at 5:04 p.m.

All members voted aye

Motion Carried

It was moved by Lee Meyerhofer, seconded by Tom Driessen to accept the Local 2150 IBEW union proposal to extend their contract through December 31, 2013 with 5.8% WRS contribution effective January 1, 2012, 12% employee portion of health insurance premium effective January 1, 2012, and with the following revision: Management reserves the right to make wage adjustments up to CPI but not to exceed 2% for fiscal years 2012 and 2013 if deemed necessary for effective operation of the organization.

Roll Call Vote	Tom McGinnis	aye
	Cindy Fallona	aye
	Tom Driessen	aye
	Lee Meyerhofer	aye
	Bill Vanderloop	aye
	Gene Rosin	aye
	John Moore	aye

Motion Carried

Under such matters that are authorized by law: Jason Wegand, chairman of Local 2150 IBEW, thanked the commission on behalf of all KU represented employees for approving their request to extend their contract.

It was moved by John Moore, seconded by Gene Rosin to adjourn.

All members voted aye	Motion Carried
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The meeting ended at 5:07 p.m.

Thomas J. McGinnis
Secretary