

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

3:30 p.m.

Monday, October 24, 2022

Present: Ben Bautch
James FitzGerald
Ronald Bautch
Sylvia Davey

Vacant Seat

Mike Miller, Public Utilities Superintendent
Gregory Lien, Endless Summer Farms, LLC

B. Bautch called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by FitzGerald, second R. Bautch to approve the Agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes – Motion by R. Bautch, second FitzGerald to approve the minutes of August 22, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Communications – None at this time.

Department Head Update -

OLD BUSINESS

Plumbing Ordinance Amendment – Nothing new at this time.

Water Treatment Facility Improvement Plan – A few minor things to be done to complete project and final payment made by end of year.

750 Water Reserve Water Break Update- The 500 tank is full of water for use while the 750 is repaired. There will be a dive team going in to shut valve off of 750 so it doesn't have to be drained while repairs are being done. Repairs to be done will be removing the 4-way valve to do a welding repair. 750 Tank should only be down for one day. The cost of needed repairs will be \$16,000 for dive team and \$15,000 for weld team for a total of \$31,000. Motion by R. Bautch, second FitzGerald to recommend to Council for payment.
MOTION CARRIED.

There is a private line water break behind Zups, campground and golf course have been winterized and all pressure reducers have been checked.

NEW BUSINESS

Gregory Lien, Endless Summer Farms, LLC- Gregory Lien presented concerns he had regarding utilities at the greenhouse. His meter is not being read every month due to

water department being unable to get into building while he is gone resulting in January & September usage estimated. He received a bill in Sept. for 12,200 gallons which is considerably higher than his average monthly usage of 3,050 gallons. He is asking for a remote on meter for monthly readings. Mike Miller will have one put on. Another issue is most of the water usage is evaporated from the plant beds and doesn't reach the sewer so he feels that he shouldn't be charged for sewer usage. Mike will meet with him to place a meter for monitoring actual sewer usage. Gregory is also asking for reimbursement for the purchase of a pressure reducing valve and parts in the amount of \$402.37 which he needed to purchase because of high pressure problem in the greenhouse. He states he needed to replace his hot water heater and his equipment couldn't take the high psi. Commission reviewed photos and invoices. Motion by R. Bautch, second FitzGerald to recommend to Council reimbursement in the amount of \$402.37. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Bautch called to adjourn regular meeting. Motion by FitzGerald second R. Bautch to adjourn at 4:12 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Delinquent Accounts -

B. Bautch called delinquent meeting to order at 4:14 p.m.

The board reviewed the delinquent accounts.

112 Edison Request- Mike Miller will check property to confirm it is eligible for Winter shut-off rule. Shut off order will stay in place.

91 Bell Circle Request- Per PUC policy, late fee will not be waived.

41 Evans Circle Request- Per PUC policy, late fee will not be waived.

Motion by R. Bautch, second FitzGerald to approve the shut off orders. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by R. Bautch, second FitzGerald to adjourn at 4:21 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson