

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Present: Ben Bautch
James FitzGerald
Ronald Bautch
Sylvia LeBlanc

Vacant Seat

Mike Miller, Public Utilities Superintendent
Wade LeBlanc, Mayor

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

Agenda – Motion by R. Bautch, second LeBlanc to approve the Agenda with removal of Water Treatment SCADA. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes – Motion by FitzGerald, second R. Bautch to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024 Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Communications – None at this time.

Department Head Update – High water flow during the heavy rains. Discussion regarding using federal monies for the SCADA system. Mayor received an email from a citizen who was very happy with how the water department handle a water situation.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Online Utility Payment Incentive- Mayor LeBlanc led the discussion regarding the City encouraging residents to pay utilities online and the fees associated. He has received many calls and complaints. Mayor LeBlanc is proposing waiving all the fees to encourage more online payments in an effort to receive payments faster and lower labor costs. Discussion followed regarding recurring payments, cost to City from waiving of fees, garbage collection fees, cutting down on delinquencies, and adding interest to late fees that are over two months late. Motion by FitzGerald, second LeBlanc to recommend to Council the waiving of all fees associated with online utility payments. MOTION CARRIED.

Set Water Treatment Facility Special Meeting City Council- Motion by R. Bautch, second LeBlanc to set Special Meeting with City Council on Thursday, May 30th at 1:00 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of Water Treatment facility upgrade and Booster Station. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by LeBlanc, second FitzGerald to adjourn at 3:50 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson