

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

3:30 p.m.

Monday, September 22, 2025

Present: James FitzGerald
Ron Bautch
Michelle Ketola
Larry Carter

Absent: Sylvia LeBlanc

Jason Roswold, Water Dept. Supervisor

FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

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

Minutes – Motion by Carter, second Bautch to approve the minutes of August 21, 2025 Regular Meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Communications/Public Comments – None at this time.

Department Head Update – Roswold reports that bids for replacement of 5 hydrants in the city is out for quotes.

Old Business –

Water Treatment Project- No new information, Magney Construction is working on the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the project.

Waste/Water SCADA System- SCADA system is in place and connected on radar reader.

Boathouse Bay Utilities- Nothing at this time.

Lake County CSAH- Sewer and water service has been tied in along Banks with residents being connected as the project moves along. Curbing and sidewalks have been installed along Edison.

Citywide Street & Utility Improvement- Phase 1- No additional updates at this time.

New Business –

Bolton & Menk- Mercury Limit & Variance Engineering Scope & Fees- Proposal from Bolton & Menk to apply to the MPCA for a Mercury Variance, on behalf of the city, at an estimated cost of \$24,800 was reviewed. Due to backlog by the State, the MPCA has not

reviewed the prior variance application which has now expired. The City has been operating under its last approved permit, which was in 2015. Another option would be for the city to accept the mercury requirements per the letter received from the MPCA, but there is concern for meeting the requirements and therefore requesting a variance would be the preferred route. Discussion regarding mercury testing during high and low water flow, grants for mercury removal, and grant eligibility. Motion by Ketola, second Carter to recommend to Council to approve Bolton & Menk's proposal to submit a variance application at a cost of \$24,800. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Carter, second Bautch to adjourn at 3:51 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson