

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING APRIL 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Water and Light Commission was called to order in the Worthington Public Utilities Conference Room at 3:00 P.M., DST, by President Robert J. Demuth with the following members present: Randy Thompson, James Elsing and Gary Hoffmann. Absent was Ron Wood (excused).

Staff members present were Scott Hain, General Manager; Patrick Demuth, Electric Superintendent; Deb Scheidt, Secretary to the Commission

Others present: None

AGENDA ADDITIONS/CLOSURE

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to close the agenda as presented.

WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to approve the Water and Light Commission minutes of the regular meeting held April 5, 2010.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STAFF REPORTS

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to accept the Financial Statements and the Staff Reports for March 2010.

APPROVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR 2010 CONCRETE RESTORATION PROJECT

Scott Hain, General Manager, presented the case item provided by the City of Worthington Engineering Department for the proposed 2010 water and sewer related pavement replacement project.

The proposed pavement restoration work relating to water main reconstruction involves pavement removed in the 2008 reconstruction on Clary Street from Church Avenue to Humiston Avenue and on First Avenue from 13th Street to Okabena Street. The total estimated cost for this water main related pavement restoration work, including engineering and contingencies, is \$308,000. The amount included in the 2010 Water Fund budget for the work is \$367,660. The

reduction in the estimated cost is primarily attributed to the Clary Street pavement work which now includes less depth of bituminous overlay than originally estimated.

The proposed pavement restoration work relating to sanitary sewer reconstruction is on Clary Street from Church Avenue to Humiston Avenue (2008 sewer reconstruction), Strait Avenue from Clary Street to Miller Street (2008 spot repairs), and Nobles Street at the Nobles Street lift station (2006 lift station improvements). The total estimated project cost for this work, including engineering and contingencies, is \$205,000, slightly under the budgeted amount of \$214,820.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Hoffmann and unanimously carried to approve the plans for the 2010 concrete pavement restoration project and authorize an advertisement for bids to be received on May 17, 2010, and considered for award by the Commission on that date.

CAPACITOR BANK ISSUES

Scott Hain, General Manager, provided the Commission with information relating to a series of capacitor banks that were installed throughout Worthington Public Utilities' (WPU) distribution system in 2007 in an effort to correct our system power factor. Mr. Hain reported that the installation of the capacitor banks did result in an improved power factor but recurring issues relating to equipment failures have occurred since shortly after the installation.

Mr. Hain reported that efforts to determine the root cause of these equipment failures have been unsuccessful thus far and that staff has now engaged the firm QVARx, Inc. to investigate the problem. QVARx comes highly recommended by both Missouri River Energy Services staff and by the staff of DeWild Grant Reckert Associates (DGR), our consulting engineer on electrical matters. A representative from QVARx will be in Worthington April 25-29 to conduct their investigation. The estimated cost for QVARx services and necessary equipment rental is \$12,000.

AMI/AMR/LOAD MANAGEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Scott Hain, General Manager, provided Commission members with a brief update on the AMI/AMR/Load Management project. Mr. Hain also provided the Commission with a draft door hanger notice that will be provided to customers prior to installation of the demand response units (DRU's). Changes to the notice will be made based upon Commission suggestions and installation of the DRU's may begin as early as next week.

WATER TOWER PROJECT UPDATE

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that he, along with Banner Associates, our project engineer, have been in contact with Landmark, the contractor, regarding final close out of the project. The final item to be agreed upon is the amount of liquidated damages to be deducted from the final contract price due to the contractor not achieving the contractual substantial completion and final completion dates.

UTILITY BILLS PAYABLE

A motion was made by Commissioner Elsing, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the utility bills payable totaling \$340,350.35 for April 8 and April 16, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 P.M., DST. President Demuth declared the meeting adjourned.

Deb A. Scheidt
Secretary to the Commission