

BLACK RIVER FALLS UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 31, 2020

Utility Commission President John Lund called a meeting of the Black River Falls Municipal Utility Commission to order on August 31, 2020 at 4:28 p.m. in the Council Room at 101 South Second Street. Commissioners in attendance were Jay Eddy, Pete Olson, and Don Mathews. Commissioner Jeff Amo was excused. Also present were General Manager Casey Engebretson, Office Manager Julie Babcock, and a representative from the Banner Journal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Eddy and seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Aye: Lund, Eddy, Olson, and Mathews
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mathews and seconded by Commissioner Olson to approve the accounts payable vouchers; CK #36662 - #36728; HC #100423 - #100430) – Totaling \$579,921.86.

Aye: Lund, Eddy, Olson, and Mathews
Motion Carried.

Julie Babcock reviewed the July 2020 financial statements and arrearages. Julie informed the Commission that preliminary budgets will be reviewed at the September meeting and final budgets approved at the October or November meeting.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the water and sewer departments continue to install water meters. The water department has completed required SDWA testing for 2020.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the sewer department has been adding the rare earth chemical for phosphorus removal for approximately two (2) weeks. They will continue to monitor and adjust dosage levels.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the electric rate case public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday September 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. If approved, the new rates will take effect on January 1, 2021.

The Commission reviewed the updated estimate and proposed schedule for the new operations center.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the Public Service Commission extended the prohibition of residential utility disconnects until October 1, 2020.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that the agreement with Roger Castle to install a road into the sand stockpile was executed and the road installation is complete.

Casey Engebretson informed the Commission that he provided FEMA with additional information. Casey received an email from WEM that the FEMA reviewer had completed the review and sent it to the FEMA regional office. No further details were available.

The next meeting will be Monday September 28, 2020.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Mathews to adjourn at 5:04 p.m.

Aye: Lund, Eddy, Olson, and Mathews
Motion carried.