

MARSHFIELD UTILITIES, A MUNICIPAL UTILITY
MARSHFIELD UTILITY COMMISSION
May 9, 2011

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Marshfield Utility Commission was called to order by President Harry Nienaber at 4:00 pm on May 9, 2011 in the downstairs meeting room of the utility office. Present were Commissioners Marvin Spletter, Harry Nienaber, Chris Jones, Wayne Johnson, and Patrick Ott. Also present were Alderperson Gary Cummings, City Administrator Steve Barg, and the utility staff. Absent were Alderperson Russ Stauber and attorney John Adam Kruse.

- During Citizens' Comments, City Administrator Steve Barg introduced himself to the Commission.

UC/11-39 Motion by Johnson, seconded by Spletter, to dispense with reading the minutes of the previous meetings and accept them as submitted. All ayes, motion carried.

UC/11-40 Motion by Jones, seconded by Spletter, to approve payroll for April in the amount of \$206,075.14 and general bills for April in the amount of \$4,460,261.15. All ayes, motion carried.

UC/11-41 Motion by Spletter, seconded by Ott, to approve the following job order:

JO #5615 Replace 1690' of 6" watermain with 8" and 860' of 10" watermain with 12", 5 fire hydrants, 61 services on West Arnold St – St Joseph to Central \$332,488.60

All ayes, motion carried.

March 2011 Financial Statement Notes

Electric Utility

- Net loss was \$285 thousand for the month, with a net income of \$520 thousand year-to-date.
- Net operating loss was \$121 thousand for the month. Year-to-date net operating income was \$977 thousand, compared to budgeted net operating income of \$644 thousand.
- After removing the effects of the PCAC timing, March showed a net operating loss of \$47 thousand, with a year-to-date net operating income of \$787 thousand.
- Operating expenses contributing to the net operating loss for the month included WRS refunding bond payment to the City for \$41 thousand, lighting upgrades at the main building for \$7 thousand, and M-33 overhead true-up from 2010 of \$13 thousand.
- March consumption was up 4.92% from March 2010, with year-to-date consumption up 3.74%. Year-to-date energy losses were -1.12%, compared to prior year losses of -.48%.

Water Utility

- Net loss was \$84 thousand for March and \$69 thousand year-to-date.
- Net operating loss was \$62 thousand for the month, compared to budgeted net operating loss of \$9 thousand. Year-to-date net operating loss was \$2 thousand, compared to budgeted net operating income of \$19 thousand.
- A number of large expenses contributed to the net operating loss for the month, including \$26 thousand for pumping equipment for wells #19 & #20, WRS refunding bond payment to the City for \$21 thousand, primary zone model update for \$13 thousand, and distribution system corrosion study for \$21 thousand.
- March consumption was down 1.80% from March 2010, with year-to-date consumption up .60%. Year-to-date water losses were 8.49%, compared to prior year losses of 5.04%.

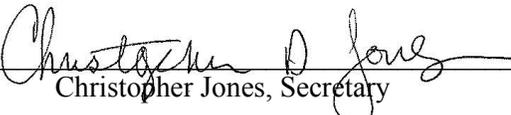
Communication Utility

- Net income was \$16,665 for the month, compared to budgeted net income of \$14,553. March year-to-date net income was \$8,736, compared to budgeted net income of \$4,370.
- The revenue for March reflects the billing for the first quarter.

UC/11-42 Motion by Jones, seconded by Spletter, to receive and place on file department reports. All ayes, motion carried.

- The Utility Manager reviewed major projects including: M-1 generator, MRO audit, Great Lakes Utilities, Water and Electric Rate cases, and Hwy 10 project.
- The Utility Manager and Electric and Water Conservation Coordinator reviewed the general office condition report.

UC/11-43 Motion by Jones, seconded by Ott, to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.


Christopher Jones, Secretary