

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
(Regular Meeting)

President Joos called the regular session of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at the Shakopee Public Utilities meeting room at 5:00 P.M., February 3, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Commissioners Joos, Amundson, Meyer, Clay and Mocol. Also present, Liaison Lehman, Utilities Manager Crooks, Finance Director Schmid, Planning & Engineering Director Adams, Electric Superintendent Drent, Water Superintendent Schemel and Marketing/Customer Relations Director Walsh.

Motion by Amundson, seconded by Clay to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

There were four Communication items to report. Thank you letters from the Shakopee Educational Endowment Foundation and the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women were received in regards to SPU donations to their organizations. The latest issue of the SPU Focus newsletter was presented. Commissioner Mocol stated that she had been contacted by Nick Atkinson regarding his fence installation on a city easement. Utilities Manager Crooks responded saying a Thursday meeting had already been scheduled with Mr. Atkinson.

President Joos offered the agenda for approval.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mocol to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

There were no Consent Items.

The warrant listing for bills paid December 16, 2019 was presented.

Motion by Mocol, seconded by Meyer to approve the warrant listing dated December 16, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

The warrant listing for bills paid February 3, 2020 was presented.

Motion by Clay, seconded by Amundson to approve the warrant listing dated February 3, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

Liaison Lehman presented his report. He stated he had also been contacted by Mr. Atkinson. Liaison Lehman asked about the status of the SPU WCC and TWC study. Mr. Crooks stated that staff was waiting for the Council approved AUAR, before beginning the work.

Water Superintendent Schemel provided a report of current water operations. Even though it is the middle of winter, Water Staff is planning and preparing hydrant flushing GIS diagrams to be used in the 2020 flushing program. The test well on the LaTour property has been drilled to 410'. Water quality sampling will take place within the next day or two.

Mr. Schemel reviewed the Minnesota Department of Health's 2019 Lead and Copper sampling results for the water system. No action levels for either Lead or Copper were exceeded at any of the sampling points.

Electric Superintendent Drent provided a report of current electric operations. Two electric outages were reviewed. Work continues on the preliminary portion of the new circuit coming from the South Shakopee Substation. Maintenance has begun on the Pike Lake Substation. Crews repaired a streetlight that was hit during the recent snow and two other power poles were replaced.

Mr. Crooks read the MMPA Board Meeting Public Summary for January 2020.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mocol to offer Resolution #1266. A Resolution Regulating Wage and Contract Terms. Ayes: Commissioners Clay, Joos, Amundson, Mocol and Meyer. Nay: none. Motion carried. Resolution passed.

An Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Presentation was given by Mr. Drent. Prior history on the project was provided as well as funding for the project.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mocol to direct Staff to prepare a Request for Proposal for consulting work on the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) project starting in 2020 and ending in 2023. Motion carried.

Mr. Crooks presented the City Council Joint Meeting request. The proposed agenda was discussed. Staff was given direction by the Commission in setting up a mutually agreed upon meeting date. Mr. Crooks will reach out to the City Administrator.

Mr. Crooks discussed a SPU response to the City Council agenda item 7.A.2 from January 21, 2020. The Council agenda item was a legal opinion regarding SPU's ability to modify their contribution to the City of Shakopee. The SPU response also included a formal request to meet with the City Administrator.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mocol to send the memo and all attached information to the City Council. Motion carried.

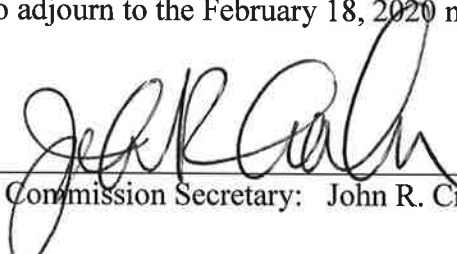
Mr. Crooks reviewed a meeting he had with Rep. Brad Tabke. Rep. Tabke stated that he had drafted legislation that would amend MN State Statute 412.391 which requires the decision as to the transfer of governance or abolishment of a municipal utility from the voting public to the majority of a sitting City Council. Rep. Tabke also stated that he had authored two other pieces of legislation that involves the dissolution of a public utilities in Minnesota.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Clay that the sense of the Commission is that we do not agree with the proposed legislation as proposed by Rep. Tabke and believe that the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission should remain an independent policy making body to manage and provide utilities to the City of Shakopee and to its ratepayers. Motion carried 4-1, with Commissioner Mocol dissenting due to motion being based upon legislation that is proposed and not being publically released as to what the exact language is within the bill.

Interviews for SPU Commission openings have been scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>. Commission Vice President Amundson will not be able to attend the interviews. President Joos appointed Commission Meyer to represent SPU at the interviews. One position is to replace President Joos as his term limit is up and the second position is for a first term for Commission Clay.

The tentative commission meeting dates of February 18 (Tuesday) and March 2 were noted.

Motion by Mocol, seconded by Meyer to adjourn to the February 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.



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Commission Secretary: John R. Crooks