

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
(Joint Meeting with the City Council)

Mayor Mars called the joint meeting of the City of Shakopee City Council and President Weyer called the adjourned regular meeting of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at the Council Chambers meeting room at 7:00 P.M., March 12, 2019.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Joos, Amundson, Meyer, Clay and Weyer. Also present, Mayor Bill Mars, Councilors Brennan, Contreras, Lehman, and Whiting, City Administrator Bill Reynolds and Utilities Manager Crooks.

President Weyer offered the agenda for approval.

Motion by Amundson, seconded by Clay to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

The status of the current rate formulas for the SPU Water Connection Charge (WCC) and Trunk Water Charge (TWC) was provided by Planning and Engineering Director Adams. Discussion took place on the amount of each charge and the history of annual increases.

Utilities Manager Crooks provided a comparison of the SPU WCC/TWC rates for our neighboring and comparable cities. Discussion centered on the amount of the charges and how SPU is higher than most surrounding communities. Increases in 2003 and 2008 were reviewed.

SPU's projected plans for the city's water infrastructure with an identification of funding stream was provided with the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan. Each of the 4 Funds for the Water Department were reviewed. It was stated the Commission recently approved the SPU Comprehensive Water System Plan in September which identifies infrastructure required to serve the water requirements for Shakopee through the ultimate build out of the City and proposed annexation with Jackson Township.

An outline of the water rates currently charged by SPUC was provided by Mr. Crooks. Commission decisions in regards to the 2009 Water Rate Study were provided.

Motion by Joos, seconded by Clay to adjourn for a 5 minute recess. Motion carried.

President Weyer reconvened back to the Joint Meeting.

Mr. Crooks provided the presentation materials that were available and presented to the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce Public Policy Committee on December 11, 2018.

An overview of contributions and services provided to the City of Shakopee was given by Mr. Crooks.

A list of SPU economic development efforts was reviewed by Mr. Crooks. The topic of water treatment was then discussed. Options were talked about and the concerns about levels of manganese were discussed. It was stated that no water supply well in Shakopee exceeds guides developed by the MN Department of Health. Further information will be supplied to the Public Works Director.

A brief history and the Statutory Authority of SPU were presented to the Council by Mr. Crooks

The respective roles of SPU versus the City of Shakopee were discussed by the members of the Commission and members of the City Council. Mayor Mars suggested another Joint Meeting take place sometime in August. Mr. Crooks stated that when one of the governing bodies requests a Joint Meeting, the other governing body must accommodate the request. A second Joint Meeting this year was agreed upon to be in the best interest of continuing this type of dialogue.

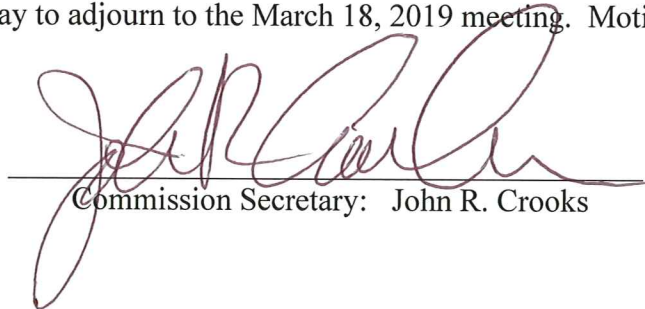
The proper and defined role of City Council Liaisons was discussed by the council and Commission.

The Policy on the City's Sanitary Sewer Fund and Storm Sewer Fund was not discussed per Commissioner Clay's request.

The City Council and SPUC Joint Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2014 were available for review.

Under Other Business, the Harstad v. Woodbury Supreme Court ruling was briefly discussed.

Motion by Joos, seconded by Clay to adjourn to the March 18, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.



Commission Secretary: John R. Crooks