

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., October 7, 2019.

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

Motion by Amundson, seconded by Mocol to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2019 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Under Communications, President Joos presented a letter from the Kissimmee Utility Authority thanking SPU for their willingness to assist during Hurricane Dorian. Even though the services were not needed, the SPU crew was stationed in Florida, if they were needed.

President Joos offered the agenda for approval.

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

Commissioner Clay asked that Item 9c: Lake City Mutual Aid Request be added to the Consent Agenda. President Joos asked that Item 11a: SPU Focus Newsletter be taken off of the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Clay, seconded by Meyer to approve the amended Consent Business agenda as presented. Motion carried.

President Joos stated that the Consent Items were: Item 8b: Quarterly Nitrate Results, Item 9c: Lake City Mutual Aid Request and Item 11b: Website Analytics – Quarterly Review.

The warrant listing for bills paid October 7, 2019 was presented.

Motion by Clay, seconded by Meyer to approve the warrant listing dated October 7, 2019 as presented. Motion carried.

Liaison Lehman stated there was no Liaison report.

Water Superintendent Schemel provided a report of current water operations. The Windermere Booster Station was put into service on October 1. The Contractor received a

\$25,000 payment for achieving the early “in-service” date. With only a few hydrants left to flush, the entire water distribution has been completed.

Item 8b: Quarterly Nitrate Results was received under Consent Business.

Planning and Engineering Director Adams provided an update for the Comprehensive Water System Plan. The 2019 update will be completed now that the Shakopee AUAR is in a final draft form. The update will be brought forward for Commission approval once Staff reviews the Plan.

An update on the Rahr Looping Project rock removal costs was provided by Mr. Adams. As requested by the Commission, a meeting was held with the three parties involved in the payment dispute. Ryan Contracting firmly believes that are entitled to the entire amount, however stated that they would be amenable to a counter offer from SPU.

Motion by Mocol, seconded by Meyer to offer payment in the amount of \$92,000 for the extra cost for significant rock removal with the Rahr Watermain Looping Project. Motion carried.

Electric Superintendent Drent provided a report of current electric operations. There were eight electric outages during the past two weeks. Of the eight, three were caused by squirrels, two by dig-ins and one from a directional bore. None were major outages. Construction updates were provided.

President Joos read the MMPA Board Meeting Public Summary for September 2019.

Item 9c: Lake City Mutual Aid Request was received under Consent Business.

President Joos thanked Staff for the SPU focus Newsletter for Autumn 2019. SPU will continue to provide quarterly newsletters.

Item 11b: Website Analytics – Quarterly Review was received under Consent Business.

The tentative commission meeting dates of October 21 and November 4 were noted.

Motion by Amundson, seconded by Clay to adjourn to the October 21, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.



Commission Secretary: John R. Crooks