

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., September 16, 2019.

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

Motion by Clay, seconded by Amundson to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019 Commission meeting. Motion carried.

Under Communications, President Joos presented a letter from the Shakopee Diversity Alliance thanking SPU for their annual donation.

President Joos offered the agenda for approval.

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

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

President Joos stated that the Consent Items were: Item 11a: Financial Results – August 2019.

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

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

Liaison Lehman stated there was no report.

Planning and Engineering Director Adams provided a report of current water operations. The hydrant flushing operation has been completed in downtown Shakopee. The crews will now flush in the east part of town. Construction updates were provided.

Mr. Adams reviewed the Water Storage Tower #8 Planning Commission meeting held on September 5. The CUP and rezoning items will be placed on the October 1 City Council meeting.

The Water Storage Tower #8 Design Report was presented by John Karwacki, consultant with Sambatec Engineers. The design style, purpose, costs and proposed schedule were reviewed.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mocol to proceed with the project with a spheroid tank design for Water Tower #8. Motion carried.

The Rahr watermain looping project rock removal cost issue was updated by Mr. Adams. It was discussed there was culpability with each of the three entities involved in the project. Negotiating a reduction in the cost has been unsuccessful with WSB, acting in SPU's behalf.

Motion by Clay, seconded by Mocol to provide the soil boring report and any further pertinent information to the next Commission meeting. Motion failed 2-3.

Motion by Meyer to pay the invoice for the rock excavation. Motion taken off the table by Commission Meyer.

The Commission directed Staff to meet with Ryan Contracting and WSB in an attempt to renegotiate the cost of the excess rock removed for the project.

Electric Superintendent Drent provided a report of current electric operations. There were two electric outages that affected 3 customers. One was caused by a squirrel and the other by a downed tree. Construction updates were provided. The crew sent to Florida to assist in Hurricane Dorian outages, came home without being deployed in Kissimmee. Also due to the Hurricane, the MN Lineworker's Rodeo was rescheduled for October.

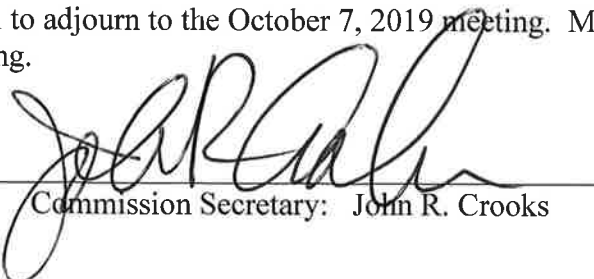
The MMPA Board Meeting Public Summary for August 2019 was read by President Joos.

Item 11a: Financial Results – August 2019 was received under Consent Business.

Under New Business three items were brought up. President Joos thanked the SPU employees for the work in setting up the annual Employee Appreciation Picnic. Commissioner Meyer referred to a customer who believes he does not have to pay for his utilities service due to his sovereign nation status. Commissioner Meyer asked for security policies/protocol to be brought back to a future Commission meeting. Liaison Lehman asked that staff look into specific contact language for areas with shallow bedrock in Shakopee.

The tentative commission meeting dates of October 7 and October 21 were noted.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Mocol to adjourn to the October 7, 2019 meeting. Motion carried, with Commissioner Clay dissenting.


Commission Secretary: John R. Crooks