

MINUTES OF THE
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
January 19, 2021

1. Call to Order. President Amundson called the January 19, 2021 meeting of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at the SPU meeting room at 5:00 P.M.
2. Roll Call. President Amundson, Vice President Mocol, Commissioner Brennan, Commissioner Fox, and Commissioner Meyer were present.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda. Motion by Mocol, seconded by Brennan, to approve the consent agenda, namely: January 4, 2021 Minutes, January 19, 2021 Agenda, January 7, 2021 Warrant List Account Credit Request/Deposit Refunds, January 19, 2021 Warrant List, Water Dashboard, and MMPA December Meeting Update. Ayes: Amundson, Mocol, Brennan, Fox, and Meyer. Nays: None. Motion carried.
4. Liaison Report. Commissioner Brennan noted the Planning Commission has reviewed the PUD for 1868 Mystic Lake Drive, which has 56.2 acres and proposed 175 single family homes. The City Council will consider the project tonight.
5. Utilities Manager Report. Greg Drent, Interim Utilities Manager, provided an update on a number of pending projects. He observed that there are two Commissioner openings effective April 1, 2021 and that the City is accepting applications until January 23, 2021. Mr. Drent also noted that he has received multiple thanks for the customer service provided by SPU.
6. Water Report. Lon Schemel, Water Superintendent, provided his answer to a Commissioner question as to a potential shift in water usage because of COVID-19. The answer is yes; water pump usage is up 11% for residential, down 7% for commercial usage, and down 11% for industrial. Mr. Schemel noted that the Minnesota Department of Health will perform PFAS Testing on all SPU wells during 2021.

Mr. Adams, Planning and Engineering Director, presented Resolution 2021-02 Addressing Refunding of Past Water Capacity Charges due to the Recent Reduction in the WCC to Customers Meeting Certain Criteria. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Brennan, to approve Resolution 2021-02, with the change of adding "as provided above" after "refund in whole" in the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause. Ayes: Amundson, Mocol, Brennan, Fox, and Meyer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

7. Electric Report. Brad Carlson, Assistant Electric Superintendent, stated that there was one outage since the last meeting. He noted that crews are trimming trees around power lines.

8. West Shakopee Substation. Mr. Adams gave an update on the West Shakopee Substation. He presented Resolution 2021-03 Approving Amendment to Purchase Agreement and All Documents Necessary to Carry Out Purchase Agreement and Completion of Closing Under Purchase Agreement. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Fox, to approve Resolution 2021-03. Ayes: Amundson, Mocol, Brennan, Fox, and Meyer. Nays: None. Motion carried.

9. East Shakopee Substation. Mr. Adams provided an update, including an offer concerning 4.61 acres in the former Cretex site. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Fox, to go to closed session to develop or consider an offer or counteroffer for the purchase or sale of real property at 7070 Cretex Drive, Shakopee, under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3). Ayes: Amundson, Mocol, Brennan, Fox, and Meyer. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Commission proceeded to closed session. After returning to open session, President Amundson noted that staff was directed to provide a recent appraisal and related counteroffer to the owner.

10. General. Mr. Drent presented his memorandum concerning 2021 goals. Commissioner Fox requested pdf bookmarks for agenda materials. Mr. Adams provided an update of staff discussions with the City as to electric vehicle charging stations. Ms. Walsh, Director of Customer Relations/Marketing, gave an update on SPU Support, the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Staff was directed to reach out to customers who have outstanding balance to highlight the fund. Attorney Brennan noted that the LMCIT is not allowing in-person training due to the pandemic. Commissioners concluded that the collaborative services training should be delayed until the two new Commissioners begin their terms. Commissioner Brennan departed the meeting to attend a City Council meeting.

11. Adjourn. Motion by Meyer, seconded by Fox, to adjourn to the February 1, 2021 regular meeting. Ayes: Amundson, Mocol, Fox, and Meyer. Nays: None. Motion carried.



Greg Drent, Commission Secretary