

MINUTES  
OF THE  
SHAKOPEE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
May 23, 2023  
(Joint Meeting with the City Council)

Mayor Lehman called the meeting of the City of Shakopee City Council to order at the Council Chambers meeting room at 6:00 P.M., May 23, 2023. All 5 Council were present.

President Krieg called the meeting of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission to order at the Council Chambers meeting room at 6:00 P.M., May 23, 2023. All 5 Commissioners per present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Krieg, Vice President Letourneau, Commissioners Fox, Mocol, and DuLaney. Also present, Mayor Lehman, Councilors Contreras, Whiting, DuLaney, Lara, City Administrator Bill Reynolds and General Manager Greg Drent.

Mayor Lehman offered the agenda for approval. Council Lara motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Council Contreras. Ayes: Mayor Lehman, Councilors Contreras, Whiting, DuLaney, Lara. Motion passes 5-0

General Business items. Shakopee Public Utilities General Manager will be doing a presentation on SPU's Year in Review and Backflow Prevention Overview. Ryan Halverson, Engineering Supervisor – Water, will then be doing a presentation on the Water Treatment Plant.

Mr. Drent started with talking about the Community Engagement that SPU has had over the last year. Things such as Adopt-A-Park, Shepard's Flock Preschool Night, Hanging Floral Baskets at the downtown streets, school tour, egg hunt and candy grab, Rhythm on the Rails; American Red Cross Blood Drives, ECFE Big Vehicle Fair, Shak-O-Lantern, Spooky Family Fun; Holiday Fest; Toys for Tots; and Gifts for Seniors. Also noted that SPU has received the 2022 Community Award from the Shakopee Chamber & Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Drent continued with Partnerships they have been involved in such as Solar Grant Program with Independent School District #720 for solar on two of the schools. A grant was awarded for \$102,000 per school to get solar added to each of the two schools. Service Territory Acquisition with MVEC with new customers welcomed in November of 2022.

Next is the strong partnership we have committed to with the City of Shakopee and projects we have worked on together. The Partnership continues to evolve and grow.

Mr. Drent then talked a bit about Planning for the Future and the land purchased for the East Shakopee Substation at Maras Street and Hansen Avenue. Also, will be discussion on the Future Water Treatment Plant needs.

Mr. Drent then spoke about what we have done inside SPU over the last year. We implemented a new billing and finance software platform with NISC; changes to the service center with new drive-up window, 24/7 drop box and new signage. All to be convenient for our

customers. Another project includes the Advance Metering Infrastructure (AMI) that we kicked off in January of 2022 and are engaged to continue this project until its end. With New water and electric meters at every customer's home. This will allow SPU to be able to do outage management and communicate with the customer in a better way.

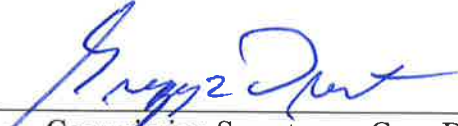
Mr. Drent then went into SPU Financial Overview for 2022 and gave the Total Utility Revenues for Electric at \$58.9 M; Water at \$6.6M. He then broke it down by class (Industrial, Residential, Commercial and Other) for both electric and water. Then talked about the PILOT (Payment in lieu of taxes) program with the city. Noted the changes from 2018 to 2022.

Mr. Drent then talked about the Drinking Water and Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Policy. Policy was adopted in 2022 with a multi-Year approach from 2022 to 2024. This policy is mandated by Minnesota Plumbing Code and require each Residence to get their Irrigation systems tested each year. The mandate is for system from 2016 to present, but SPU is making it mandatory for all SPU Residences with Irrigation Systems.

Joe Adams, Planning & Engineering Director then introduced Ryan Halverson, Engineering Supervisor – Water as Ryan would be talking about property acquisition for a future Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Halverson presented, SPU's water system meets or exceeds all applicable health and safety regulations. We are doing current treatment for Chlorine and Fluoride at all wells with Polyphosphates at wells 12 and 15. Why treatment? SPU trying to get ahead of the EPA's regulations that are still being decided. SPU has a contract for purchasing the Lusignan property off Eagle Creek Avenue . A long with a portion of the adjacent Mac Equities parcel will allow SPU space to construct and build a Water Treatment Plant. There were lots of discussion to get the City Council to understand why this property and what needs to be done. No decision was needed to be made at this time.

Motion by Council Whiting, seconded by Lara to adjourn to the June 6, 2023 City Council Meeting.

Motion by Fox, seconded by DuLaney to adjourn. Ayes: Mocol, Krieg, DuLaney, Fox, and Letourneau. Nays: None. Motion carried.

  
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Commission Secretary: Greg Drent