

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

### **SPECIAL MEETING**

**May 15, 2018, 9:00 A.M.**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Special Meeting of the Public Utilities Commission, City of Princeton, was held in Commission Offices, 907 First Street, on May 15, 2018, at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Chairman Mindi Siercks and Commissioners George Freichels and Henry Findell.

Absent: None

Also Present: Manager Connie Wangen, Bookkeeper Kathy Ohman, Electric Supervisor Jon Brooks, and Water Superintendent Scott Daniels.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Siercks at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Siercks called for additions or deletions to the agenda. Additions: New Business: A. Sherburne Village.

Connie Wangen reported on relocating the water main from Rum River Drive to 5<sup>th</sup> Street North. Currently the water main crosses Highway 95 west of the roundabout, runs along Rum River Drive, then goes back behind Kevin Gerrard's property and runs through the river bottom. The proposal is to go straight north on Rum River Drive to 5<sup>th</sup> Street North in the Road Right of Way. The engineers cost to move the water main is approximately \$111,000.00, which would need to go out for bids. Mr. Freichels made a motion to move forward going out for bids to relocate the water main on Rum River Drive to 5<sup>th</sup> Street North. Mr. Findell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Local Share for the roundabout on Highway 95 and 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue is approximately \$437,000.00 of the \$1,578,000.00 total project cost. Of this, the total cost for moving the water main is \$73,321.25. If the City of Princeton does not assess any of the Local Share on the project, the PPUC share to move the water main would be \$20,529.95 which includes engineering fees. No formal request for funds has been made at this time. Connie Wangen has asked the City of Princeton about the Local Share, the City's sewer main relocation costs and what they will pay. The consensus of the Commission was for Manager Connie Wangen to meet with City Administrator Bob Barbian and City Finance Director Steve Jackson.

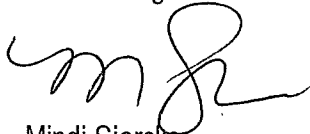
Connie Wangen reported after speaking with Attorney Paul Dove and the auditors, the best plan moving forward with AMI metering is to go out for quotes on the water and electric meters alone. The quotes would not include the software or the hardware. Mr. Findell made a motion to go out for quotes from vendors for the AMI water and electric meters alone. Mr. Freichels seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

A tentative meeting was scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with Connexus Energy regarding PPUC acquiring the service territory for the bare land the 55+ senior development would be on. Eventually we would discuss serving west to include PUC's Water Treatment Plant, Burger King, Princeton Auto, PUC's Water Tower, and possibly Crystal Cabinets and the Industrial Park. Connexus Energy hired a consulting firm to complete a study. Connexus Energy had scheduled the meeting to take place at a law firm in Minneapolis. Connie Wangen spoke with Connexus Energy regarding the tentative meeting and asked to review the reports prior to meeting with attorneys. Connexus Energy has agreed to this and has postponed the meeting until further notice.

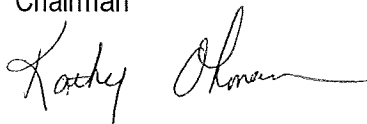
Electric Supervisor Jon Brooks reported on the North Substation switches. After speaking with Okay Construction, the switches made in the 1960's are better built then the new ones built today. Okay Construction has spoke with Great River Energy. Great River Energy felt they should test and lubricate the switches to see if they can get them operating better.

The Sherburne Village which is planned for development in 2019 will be a park with manufactured homes for 55+ senior living. They are requesting PPUC to provide water to each home and fire protection in the park. In Neumann's Trailer Park, the PPUC provides water to the park, however there are no fire hydrants in the park. After a discussion, the consensus of the Commission is to provide water to the property line and the PPUC would not meter individual homes for water.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.



Mindi Siercks  
Chairman



Kathy Ohman  
Secretary