

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JEFFERSON UTILITIES COMMISSION, HELD JANUARY 30, 2023

On call of the roll, commissioners present were: Bristol, Ganser, Pieters, Neils, Oppermann and Schroeder. Adams was excused. Also present were: Office Manager Hinze, Billing Clerk, Emily Hein; Customer Account Clerk Kara Mroz, Meter Technician Jackie Tucker, Line Forman Nick Baumann, Linemen Nick Ganser. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

Public Participation: Comm. Bristol thanked everyone for the well wishes. He stated the community has been outstanding to him and his family since the house fire.

Closed Session

Motion by Comm. Neils and seconded by Comm. Pieters to convene in Closed Session. Before voting on the motion, Comm. Schroeder announced to all present that the Commission may convene in closed session one or more times during this meeting, upon a motion duly made and carried, the Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Upon a motion duly made and carried, the Commission may convene in closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wis Stats., for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, specifically to discuss and deliberate options for filling the vacant Utility Manager position. This meeting is closed pursuant to section 19.85 (1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Oppermann – Aye; Pieters – Aye, Bristol – Aye; Ganser – Aye; Neils – Aye; Schroeder – Aye). The Commission convened into open session at 5:32 pm.

Open Session

Motion by Comm. Oppermann and seconded by Comm. Bristol to re-convene in open session. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Oppermann – Aye; Pieters – Aye, Bristol – Aye; Ganser – Aye; Neils – Aye; Schroeder – Aye). The Commission convened at 5:58 pm.

Discussion and Possible Action – Choose Option for Filling the Vacant Utility Manager Position

Motion by Comm. Oppermann to continue with the interim Utility Manager/Office Manager and Interim Line Foreman indefinitely at the current rate of pay and to consult with Carlson Dettmann and City Staff to develop new job descriptions for both positions as well as appropriate level of compensation for each position. Seconded by Pieters. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Adams – Aye; Oppermann – Aye; Pieters – Aye, Bristol – Aye; Ganser – Aye; Neils – Aye; Schroeder – Aye).

Discussion of Future Agenda Items

It was the consensus of the Commission to add recruitment and hiring of one full time Lineman to the next regular commission meeting agenda.

It was moved by Comm. Ganser and seconded by Comm. Neils to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.