

REGULAR MEETING OF THE JEFFERSON UTILITIES COMMISSION, HELD DECEMBER 13, 2021

On call of the roll, commissioners present were: Oppermann, Brandel, Adams, Ganser, Pieters and Neils. Also present were: Utility Manager Adler, City Attorney Rogers and Billing Clerk Hein. Absent was: Bristol. The meeting began at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MINUTES

It was moved by Comm. Brandel and seconded by Comm. Pieters to approve minutes from the November 8, 2021 meeting and the special meeting minutes from November 15, 2021, November 22, 2021, and December 1, 2021 meetings. Motion carried on a voice vote.

EXPENDITURES

It was moved by Comm. Pieters and seconded by Comm. Neils to approve the payment of the November 2021 bills totaling \$1,743,774.54. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Neils – Aye, Oppermann – Aye, Brandel – Aye, Adams – Aye, Ganser – Aye, Pieters - Aye)

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION – APPROVAL WITH ABERDEAN IT SERVICES FOR ELECTRIC SCADA SYSTEM

Utility Manager Adler introduced Eric Anthon from Forster Engineering. Mr. Anthon explained that this building the foundation to the Scada System and was the next step of connecting the smart fault indicators to the substation and the office. Aberdeen would setup the Firewall and offer IT support. This would supply real time data from the substation to the guy's phones or iPads and help the linemen pin point an outage faster. Since this is outside of WPPI's normal IT support, WPPI wanted the Scada server to be separate from the WPPI server. Attorney Rogers asked if we would have a contract with Aberdeen, Utility Manager Adler said yes there would probably be a renewable contract. Mr. Anthon stated that the monthly fee may fluctuate a little depending on how many users will be using the system, currently the quote is for seven users.

It was moved by Comm. Oppermann and seconded by Comm. Brandel to approve Aberdeen for IT Services for the Electric Scada System for \$4,276.46 and a monthly fee of \$222/month. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Pieters – Aye, Brandel – Aye, Ganser – Aye, Adams – Aye, Neils – Aye, Oppermann - Aye)

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION-2022 EMPLOYEE PAY COMPENSATION

Utility Manager Adler explained that the Common Council had authorized a 2% increase on January 1, 2022 and then an additional 1% on July 1, 2022 for all the other city staff.

Utility Manager Adler wanted to note that the updated lineman hourly wage would keep us competitive with other electric utilities.

It was moved by Comm. Pieters and seconded by Comm. Neils to approve following the city's pay and benefits compensation of 2% on January 1, 2022 and 1% on July 1, 2022. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Pieters – Aye, Brandel – Aye, Ganser – Aye, Adams – Aye, Neils – Aye, Oppermann - Aye)

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION-2022 HSA CONTRIBUTION

Utility Manager Adler explained that the Common Council had authorized contributing 50% of the health care deductible. The family deductible is \$2,800 and the single plan is \$1,400.

It was moved by Comm. Brandel and seconded by Comm. Ganser to approve the 2022 HSA contributions for employees, \$1,400 for family coverage and \$700 for single coverage. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Pieters – Aye, Brandel – Aye, Ganser – Aye, Adams – Aye, Neils – Aye, Oppermann - Aye)

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION-2021 EMPLOYEE CHAMBER BUCKS FOR \$50.00

It was moved by Comm. Neils and seconded by Comm. Pieters to approve a \$50.00 Chamber Buck gift certificate for all staff. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Pieters- Aye, Brandel – Aye, Ganser – Aye, Adams – Aye, Neils – Aye, Oppermann – Aye)

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION-COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS CHRISTMAS NEIGHBORS

Comm. Adams stated that this is a great organization that gives back to the community.

A special meeting was also scheduled for December 20, 2021 for discussion and possible action for community contributions for the walking bridge light project and the Randy Schopen foundation.

It was moved by Comm. Pieters and seconded by Comm. Neils to approve a donation of \$1,000 to Christmas Neighbors. On call of the roll, motion carried. (Pieters – Aye, Brandel – Aye, Ganser – Aye, Adams – Aye, Neils – Aye, Oppermann – Aye)

It was moved by Comm. Ganser and seconded by Comm. Neils to adjourn. Motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.