



405 2nd Avenue West
Halstad, MN 56548

Halstad Municipal Utilities Commission met 3/17/21 at 10:00 AM at the Utilities Office.

Commissioners President Tom Maroney, Darin Johnson, Ron Gotteberg
Staff- Lucas Spaeth- Superintendent, Allison Tice Office Coordinator,

Additions to agenda – NA

Approval of agenda – Motion Gotteberg, Second Johnson, M/C

Approval of minutes – Motion Johnson, Second Gotteberg, M/C

Check and credit card approval – Motion Johnson, Second Gotteberg, to approve expenditures. M/C

Financials Reviewed Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet- Discussed month ends and year to date financials highlight better than budget year to date with additional power sales in February cold snap. An audited payment for generation runs was paid by Minnkota for additional payments from years past. Water plant improvements after a computer problem did have some additional expense for in house labor and materials in February.

Covid 19 plan for following Governors criteria and HMU ability to work normal in the near future being positive.

Sewer pumping and sump pumps Spaeth explained HMU will make attempts to work with owner occupants to inspect and help with sump pumps. HMU will start on Spring cutoff date making inspections. He suggested opening up our I & I loans for additional needs in homes with smaller sump pump issues and owner occupants having plumbers doing the work.

Commissioners were updated by Spaeth and Tice on the retail rate design for 2021. Wholesale rate adjustments will be seen in April 2021. Staff presented eliminating surcharges but adding 0.005 into the CL .012, RL 0.12, OP Summer rate 0.12, P .0117, P(HLC) 0.077, P (NCW) 0.082. Surcharge for OP would be discontinued and OP would stay 0.082/ kwh. Motion by Gotteberg to approve rate adjustments; Second by Maroney M/C

Spaeth and Johnson updated Commissioners about power outage 2-14-21. HMU had a blink outage that caused Main OCR control to malfunction. Staff worked with Cooper to fix control. Operation is normal to date.

Superintendent report Spaeth- Other city and outside activities discussed. Recycled two computers with new additional one in office. Audit being completed by Brady Martz. Upcoming meetings with NMPA, Minnkota, MMUA, training, and ATV club were discussed.

Other business:

Next Regular Meeting Date –

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Johnson, second Gotteberg. M/C

Meeting Adjourned 11:45 AM

Secretary

Lucas Spaeth