

# **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Water and Light Commission was called to order in the Worthington Public Utilities Conference Room at 3:00 P.M., DST, by President Robert J. Demuth with the following members present: Randy Thompson, James Elsing, Ron Wood and Gary Hoffmann.

Staff members present were Scott Hain, General Manager; Deb Scheidt, Secretary to the Commission

Others present: None

## **AGENDA ADDITIONS/CLOSURE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Wood and unanimously carried to close the agenda as presented.

## **WATER AND LIGHT COMMISSION MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hoffmann, seconded by Commissioner Wood and unanimously carried to approve the Water and Light Commission minutes of the regular meeting held August 16, 2010.

## **MINNESOTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES ASSOCIATION DELEGATE APPOINTMENT**

As a member of Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association (MMUA), Worthington Public Utilities is entitled have a delegate or an alternate delegate represent Worthington to vote on all matters coming before the membership

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to appoint Scott Hain, General Manager, as the MMUA delegate and Patrick Demuth, Electric Superintendent, and Commissioners Robert J. Demuth, Randy Thompson, James Elsing, Gary Hoffmann and Ron Wood as alternate delegates.

## **WATER AND WASTEWATER PLANT INSPECTIONS**

Scott Hain, General Manager, provided the Commission with information on the recent inspections of the chlorine facilities at the water and wastewater treatment plants conducted by Minnesota OSHA. Mr. Hain reported that utility staff plans on contesting the inspection findings and the associated citations and penalties and received the Commission's support to do so.

Mr. Hain also reported that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency visited on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, to review Worthington Public Utilities' Risk Management Plans for the Water and Wastewater departments. Information will be provided to the Commission as it is received.

### **MISSOURI RIVER AUTHORIZED PURPOSES STUDY (MRAPS)**

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that Congress has directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a study of the Missouri River projects within the basin to review the original project purposes based on the 1944 Flood Control Act to determine if changes to these purposes are warranted. Mr. Hain reported that the eight purposes are flood control, hydropower, water supply, irrigation, navigation, recreation, water quality and fish and wildlife. Mr. Hain and Jeff Peters from Missouri River Energy Services will be attending a public scoping meeting later today at Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Worthington Campus, to discuss the potential impacts of the outcomes of this study, particularly as related to our allocation of power from Western Area Power Administration (WAPA). Mr. Hain indicated that he had already submitted written comments to the Corps of Engineers regarding the study.

### **PROJECT UPDATE**

Scott Hain, General Manager, provided the Commission with a general update on various on-going projects including the substation transmission tie line, compensation study, AMI/AMR/Load Management, fiber optic installation, water tower project and Highway 60 utility relocation.

### **WATER AND WASTEWATER PLANT TOURS**

Scott Hain, General Manager, reported that utility staff will be providing tours of the water and wastewater treatment plants on September 20 for City Council members. Commission members are encouraged to attend if they desire.

### **UTILITY BILLS PAYABLE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to approve the utility bills payable totaling \$365,370.85 for August 20, August 26 and September 3, 2010.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wood, seconded by Commissioner Thompson and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 P.M., DST. President Demuth declared the meeting adjourned.

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Deb A. Scheidt  
Secretary to the Commission