

MINUTES OF THE UTILITY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 4, 2006

Chm. Dan Ziemer.....X
Robert Gay.....X
Mike Hankins.....X

Don Sawall.....X
Ella Lewis.....X

Also in attendance were Mayor Richard Beggs, Brad Rokus, Nancy Wieneke and Penny Kettenhoven.

Chairperson Ziemer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with all members present except Hankins who arrived at 4:03 p.m.

Moved by Gay, seconded by Hankins to approve the regular minutes from March 7, 2006 with a paragraph to include the discussion of the General Manager's replacement. Revised minutes will be sent out April 5, 2006. A discussion was held on what information could be exchanged at our utility board meetings. From now on any topic not on the agenda will not be discussed. The board members can request items to be put on the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Hankins, seconded by Sawall, to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$538,304.78. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Citizens Forum- No citizens were present.

Outages- There was one scheduled outage for March 2006. Triplex wire and a connector were replaced for one customer. The outage was less than two hours.

Water Breaks- There was one water main break early Thursday AM on March 30, 2006. Five customers were notified and service was restored in a couple of hours. The old main was from 1955 six inch ductile.

Special Assessment Surcharge- Other utilities are charging this fee. According to the Public Service Commission there are no rules as to who receives this money. If the surcharge was applied to the tax roll it might put added pressure on the landlords to get these bills caught up. Also it will help with the expenses incurred at city hall when placing the arrears on the tax roll. Moved by Hankins, seconded Lewis to charge a ten percent surcharge on the amounts that are placed on the tax roll. The proceeds from the ten percent surcharged will go to city hall. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. A letter will be sent out explaining this new policy.

Bug Tussel Wireless- A new wireless company would like to put up six antennas on the Hwy I water tower. They are willing to pay the same monthly rent amount as Cellcom. Cellcom has been contacted and they do not have a problem with this company. A contract is being drawn up at this time.

Department of Transportation- A letter was sent to the utilities with a draft proposal for roadwork to be done in 2008 from Reinke road to Hwy I. A map was enclosed with the letter.

Electric Rate Case- The rate case hearing is now scheduled to take place on April 24, 2006 at 9:30A.M. in the library meeting room. The public is invited. It will be held over the telephone.

Meetings attended and upcoming- Great Lakes Utilities monthly meeting was canceled. The next Great Lakes Utilities meeting will be on April 18th in Manitowoc. Badger Power held its regular monthly meeting and annual meeting last month. The next meeting will be April 19, 2006 in Clintonville at the Angelus Retirement Center.

Finance & Collection- Electric, Water and Sewer delinquent reports were reviewed for March 2006. The cost comparison report was also reviewed.

Tabletop exercise- A handout from the findings of the exercise was handed out to board members for review. This water drill was very beneficial. Policies and procedures will be developed in the future because of this mock exercise.

Next meeting date was set for Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. at city hall. Moved by Hankins, seconded by Sawall to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary
Penny Kettenhoven

