

The special meeting of the Truman City Council and Public Utilities Commission was held March 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Hendricksen

Present: City: Ebert, Nickerson, Mosloski, Ekstrom
PUC: Hendricksen, Kelley, Wiederhoeft, Wels, Davis, Varpness, Neitzke
Absent: Brownlee

1. AUDIT REPORT

Greg Burkhardt reported that the PUC had a clean audit report. It was disclosed that electric, water and sewer lost money last year resulting in the need to raise rates. Discussion also took place on the monies borrowed from the electric fund to operate the water and sewer. It was discussed that due to the high electric rates TPU has been undercharging for water and sewer.

2. ELECTRIC SYSTEM PROJECTS

Varpness advised that he 69KV switch repair was 2/3 done. It will be completed next fall after the company fixes the blade. MN Energy will be updating contracts. The crew will start tree trimming 3/20/19. Varpness advised that Bolten & Menk will review the Verizon lease renewal.

3. WATER - WASTE WATER PLANT PROJECTS

Varpness advised that the company Winch was working with has discontinued the proposed meter. The cost for the upgraded meter reading device is \$10,000.00-\$15,000.00. this project it planned for next year. Discussion on engineering firms took place. A motion was made by Kelley, seconded by Wiederhoeft to use Bolten & Menk as the engineer for TPU. Varpness noted that there are manhole repairs needed. He will contact Rode for these repairs.

4. REVIEW & APPROVAL

A motion was made by Kelley, seconded by Wiederhoeft to approve 2/26/19 meeting minutes.
A motion was made by Kelley, seconded by Wiederhoeft to approve payment of claims.
A motion was made by Kelley, seconded by Wiederhoeft to approve deposit refunds/CIP rebates.

5. FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL UPDATE

EEA rate for March/April was discussed. As last month was estimated it was decided to stay the same as last month.
A motion was made by Kelley, seconded by Wiederhoeft to keep the EEA the same as last month. Varpness advised that Darrin is a taking a different position. Lake Crystal plans to refill his position.

6. OTHER TPU ITEMS

FREA meeting Varpness advised he has a solar meeting in Marshall. Davis advised the staff in concerned with if they will have jobs. MN Para transit would like to install a light switch. A motion was made by Kelley, seconded by Wiederhoeft to upgrade computer security. Code of conduct is on hold until city attorney starts.

7. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kelley, seconded by Wiederhoeft to adjourn. All yeas - carried.
Time: 6:30p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer