



Utility Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Columbus City Hall – 105 N. Dickason Boulevard

Call to Order

Michael Thom called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Roll Call

PRESENT

Joe Hammer
Michael Thom
Brook Andler
Sandy Curtis

ABSENT

Molly Finkler
Reagan Rule

Notice of Open Meeting

The meeting was posted in accordance with law.

Approval of Agenda

It was identified that the budget is not available for discussion and should be removed from the agenda.

Motion made to approve the agenda with removal of item 11 by Hammer, Seconded by Andler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Motion made to approve consent agenda with the correction that check #24005 should be coded to water by Curtis, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

1. Approval of September 19, 2024 Minutes.
2. Utility Outage Reports:
 1. Electrical Outage September 19, 2024 - Sturges Street - 8:30AM and 9:30PM; Hamilton Street - 12:00PM.
 2. Water Outage October 2, 2024 - Church Street North & Meister Park Neighborhood 9:30AM.
3. Approve the Water, Wastewater, and Electrical Departments Cash Disbursements Report and Accounts Payable Report - Discussion/Approval

Unfinished Business

New Business

4. Purchase of Wire Spools for Electric Utility.

Motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$35,890.50 made by Thom, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

5. Purchase or Rental of Wheel Loader for WWTP

A variety of options were reviewed by the Commission. Direction was provided for Jacob Holbert to work out an agreement with Mid State Equipment.

Motion made by Curtis to postpone action until the next meeting, Seconded by Thom.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

6. Purchase of Hoist Truck w/ Utility Box for WWTP and sale of 2012 Chevy Silverado at Auction

The need for this vehicle was explained by Utility Director, Jacob Holbert who answered questions regarding how it will be utilized.

Motion made to purchase for a not to exceed fee of \$159,267 and to dispose of the 2012 Silverado and 2010 Explorer via surplus auction by Andler, seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

7. Approval to Create the Position of and Hire a Senior Lineman for Columbus Electric Utility

No action was taken on this item, the Commission wants to see the full budget and how adding staff will impact utility rates. It will be added to the next agenda.

8. Approval to Hire Full Time Water Operator for Columbus Water Utility

No action was taken on this item, the Commission wants to see the full budget and how adding staff will impact utility rates. It will be added to the next agenda.

9. Purchase of Electric Utility 2024 Ford F-250 Service Truck w/ Utility Box

Motion to purchase for \$76,923 made by Hammer, Seconded by Thom.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

10. Replacement of Hydrant 118 Meister Drive - Dollar Tree

Motion made by Hammer to purchase for \$12,265, Seconded by Andler.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

11. Discussion and Approval of 2025 Operating Budget

This item was removed from the agenda.

Reports

12. Directors Utility Report

Utility Director, Jacob Holbert gave an update on utility operations over the past month.

13. MEUW October Live Lines

14. PSC Request for Public Comments - Energy Efficiency and conservation Block Grant (Information and Comment)

Adjourn

Next CUC Meeting: November 21, 2024 @6:00PM; City Hall - Council Chambers

Sandy Curtis requested a future agenda item on Communication.

Motion made by Curtis to adjourn at 7:48 pm, Seconded by Hammer.

Voting Yea: Hammer, Thom, Andler, Curtis

*A quorum of city committees and/or commissions may be present at this meeting. No action will be taken or considered by those committees and/or commissions.

Please note that these minutes are subject to approval at a future meeting.