



# **GRAND RAPIDS JOINT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, October 06, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Special Joint Meeting of the Grand Rapids City Council and Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday, October 6, 2025 at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

**President Stanley called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.**

**CALL OF ROLL:**

**PRESENT:** President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Nancy Saxhaug, Commissioner Rick Smith, Council Representative/Councilor Rick Blake, Mayor Tasha Connelly, Councilor Molly MacGregor, Councilor Dan Mertes

**ABSENT:** Secretary Luke Francisco, Councilor Tom Sutherland

**OTHERS:** Chad Troumbly, Taylor Bird, Jean Lane, Julie Kennedy, Rob Mattei, Tom Pagel, Dave Berg (remotely)

**COUNCIL & COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**None.**

**SETTING OF REGULAR AGENDA:** This is an opportunity to approve the regular agenda as presented, or add/delete an agenda item by a majority vote of the Council and Commission members present.

**Motion made by Mayor Connelly, Seconded by Commissioner Saxhaug to approve the agenda.**

**Voting Yea:** President Stanley, Commissioner Saxhaug, Commissioner Smith, Council Representative/Councilor Blake, Mayor Connelly, Councilor MacGregor, Councilor Mertes.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. GRPU rate study update

**GRPU's rate consultant, Dave Berg, gave a presentation outlining key components of a utility rate study. He highlighted important concepts, such as load factor and Time Of Use (TOU), and their impact on rate design, and discussed how rate structures can be leveraged to support economic development. The presentation was followed by a productive discussion with Councilors, Commissioners, and staff.**

**Note: GRPU's current rates and the most recent Rate Study are available on GRPU's website at [grpuc.org](http://grpuc.org).**

**2. GRPU new utility billing system update**

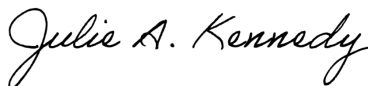
**GRPU staff provided an update on the new utility billing system, noting that while the initial implementation experienced some challenges, the system is now fully operational. Customers can log in to the online customer portal to view their utility bill information, enroll in paperless billing, and set up autopay using a credit card, debit card, or bank e-check. Customers enrolling in paperless billing will receive a \$10 credit on their account, and customers enrolling in autopay will receive a \$5 credit on their account.**

**Note: The customer portal can be accessed from the homepage of GRPU's website at [grpuc.org](http://grpuc.org).**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie A. Kennedy".

**Julie Kennedy, GRPU General Manager**