



Commission Members Present: Vanessa Cain, Paul Liepe, Sheila Williamson-Branch, Fred Shanks, Ken Larking, Bert Eades, Bill Donahue

Commission Members Absent: Helm Dobbins

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Alan Johnson, Mike Spencer, Jennifer Holley, Michael Adkins, Laura Blackwell, Jennifer Holley, Mike Nelson, Philip Haley, Kelly Kinnett

Others Present: Jerry Shupe and Charles Overby, Inframark; David Ashley, Nexant

Call to Order and Announcements

Mr. Donahue opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of May 6, 2019 Commission Meeting

Mr. Donahue asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from May 6, 2019.

Mr. Liepe made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Cain seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Holley presented the April financial statements for each utility fund.

Mr. Eades asked about the history of the credit card expenses. Ms. Holley stated that the credit card expenses were absorbed by Danville Utilities beginning July 2017, and due to the increased number of people opting to pay using credit cards, it was under-budgeted for the number of customers choosing to pay using this method.

Energy Efficiency Rebate Recommendations

Mr. David Ashley, consultant from Nexant presented recommendations for the Home\$ave rebate program. At the March 2019 meeting, it was the Utility Commission's recommendation for staff to go back and determine the value of several natural gas measures that would lower electric demand during peak times.

Mr. Liepe asked were there any concerns regarding fire risks with the gas log rebate. Mr. Grey said he would check with code enforcement on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Eades and seconded by Ms. Williamson-Branch that the Danville Utility Commission approve the changes presented for the FY2020 and FY2021 residential energy efficiency Home\$ave program. All members voted on favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ringgold Energy Storage Proposal

Mr. Grey presented to the Utility Commission plans for developer Strata Solar to add an up to 12 megawatt battery storage system in conjunction to the solar facility to be located at the current Ringgold Golf Course.

Mr. Eades asked if it was the best option to use the entire battery capacity during a one hour period. Mr. Grey said that yes, this is the best option, but data must be accurate to ensure that the peaking time comes during that hour. It could be better to hedge on two hours to allow for any inaccuracies in projections that could possibly occur.

Mr. Donahue requested that language be inserted into the contract to insure that any batteries past its useful life are removed by Strata Solar. Mr. Grey responded that he would work with the attorney to insert this requirement.

A motion was made by Mr. Liepe and seconded by Ms. Cain that the Danville Utility Commission recommend to City Council that staff enter into a capacity agreement for up to 12 megawatts of energy storage to be constructed, owned and operated by Strata Solar. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Mr. Larking made a motion to enter Closed Session. Mr. Eades seconded and Closed Session was entered.

Discussion or consideration of the acquisition and/or disposition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely impact the bargaining position of the City as permitted by Subsection (A) (3) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

Mr. Liepe made a motion that the Danville Utility Commission reconvene into the open meeting. Mr. Eades seconded; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Larking made a motion that the Danville Utility Commission adopt a resolution certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge that (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711 were heard, discussed or considered and (II) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting. Mr. Eades seconded; all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Department Discussions

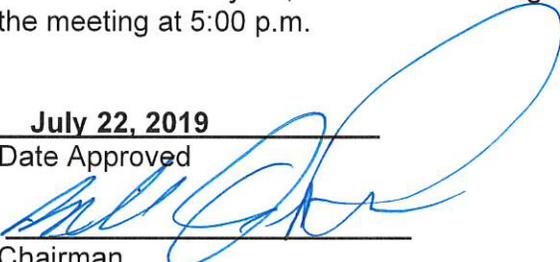
There was no comment from City staff.

There was no comment from the public.

Adjournment

Mr. Donahue stated the next meeting is scheduled for July 22, 2019. There being no further business, Mr. Donahue adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

July 22, 2019
Date Approved

Chairman
Danville Utility Commission