



Commission Members Present: Steve Daniels, Joe King, Jeff Liverman, Bob Schasse, Phillip Smith, Jim Turpin, and Bob Vaughan

Commission Members Absent: Adam Tomer

Staff Present: Ken Ashworth, Betty Custer, Barry Dunkley, Carolyn Evans, Jason Grey, Jim Harr, Nate Lewis, R.B. Sloan, and Alan Spencer

Others Present: Fred Shanks, Danville City Council

Call to Order & Announcements

Chairman Vaughan 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 June 28, 2010 Commission Meeting: Chairman Vaughan asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of June 28, 2010. Mr. Turpin asked that the minutes be amended to add on page two, paragraph four "because it would not benefit all customers". Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as revised. Mr. Schasse seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Utility Funds Financial Statements: R.B. Sloan discussed the financial statements for month end May 31st. Ken Ashworth explained that with the generation from the Pinnacles Hydro Plant, Danville was able to shave 14.4 MW off the cost of purchased power. Mr. Sloan stated that year end data should be available for review at the next meeting. Mr. Sloan then addressed questions from the Commissioners.

Presentation of Best Utilities Practices Assessment: City Manager Joe King stated that the unusually hard winter and resultant higher than expected utility bills has caused Danville to review their policies and procedures. Mr. King said that Mayor Saunders asked staff to examine other utilities for comparison and the results indicated that Danville's electric rates were comparable and the gas rates were much lower. Mr. King explained that Danville is faced with problems from both long term and short term poverty and poor weatherization in the areas rental property.

Mr. King said that to aid with those issues Danville is looking into prepaid services, more energy conservation information, an energy efficiency program and more economic development. Mr. King said that recommendations will be brought back to the Commission and hopefully be put in place before the next winter season. Mr. King explained that any energy efficiency program may include a mixture of rebates, information and energy audits.

Mr. King then addressed questions and comments from the Commissioners who recommended that Mr. Sloan bring the bad debt and delinquency rates to the next meeting.

New Wastewater Pump Stations Monitoring System: Barry Dunkley demonstrated the new pump stations monitoring program used at the Wastewater Plant. Barry explained that the new system can be accessed on or off site and provided more information than the previous system.

Communications

Communications from City Manager: There was none.

Communications from Utilities Staff: Ken Ashworth updated the Commissioners on current projects in the Power and Light Division. Ken also answered questions about the recent hot temperatures and peak consumption days.

Carolyn Evans informed the Commissioners that more than 1000 customers had signed up for the My eAccount program.

Jason Grey spoke on the Fiber to the Home project saying that Gamewood, Inc. did a survey and the response was positive. Jason said that there would be more information brought to City Council in August.

Barry Dunkley spoke about repairs in progress at the water facilities and Department of Environmental Quality correspondence.

Jim Harr updated the Commissioners on the Water and Gas Division's projects.

Nate Lewis thanked the Commissioners for their attendance at the flip the switch ceremony.

Communications from Commissioners: There were none.

Director's Report: Mr. Sloan stated that next month's agenda would include the end of year financial update and Barbara Dameron would be present to discuss the Davenport report. He also said that Danville was researching other long term power offers that seemed to be promising.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment

Mr. Vaughan stated the next meeting is scheduled for August 23, 2010. There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

August 23, 2010

Date Approved

Chairman
Danville Utility Commission

Submitted by Patti OKeefe
Secretary to the DUC