



Danville Utility Commission
4:00 p.m. March 26, 2012 Meeting
Council Conference Room, City Hall
Minutes

Commission Members Present: Joe King, Bob Schasse, Phillip Smith, Jim Turpin and Bob Vaughan

Commission Members Absent: Steve Daniels, Jeff Liverman, and Fred Shanks

Staff Present: Michael Adkins, Ken Ashworth, Barbara Dameron, Barry Dunkley, Carolyn Evans, Jason Grey, Jim Harr, Jennifer Holley, Jim Kendrick, Nate Lewis, Dianne Morris, Earl Reynolds and Alan Spencer

Others Present: Dr. Gary Miller, 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 February 27, 2012 Commission Meeting: Vice-Chairman Smith asked for any other corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of February 27, 2012.

There were none. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. King seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements: Michael Adkins reviewed the January 2012 financial statements.

Jim Harr answered questions from the Commissioners by explaining that, although the gas hedges are slightly less profitable than predicted, Danville's prices remain 15-20 cents lower per therm than other suppliers.

The Commissioners also questioned Nate Lewis on the rebate program and the costs to run the program compared to the dollar amount of rebates distributed. Mr. Lewis reminded the Commissioners that the actual benefit of the program was in the long term savings to the customer and Danville Utilities.

Mr. Adkins then addressed additional questions from the Commissioners.

Overview and Update on Danville Utilities Energy Efficiency Programs: Nate Lewis presented information on Danville's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Rebate Programs. Mr. Lewis explained that, as of March 20th, 422 rebate checks had been issued. Mr. Lewis said that his recent conversations with contractors have indicated many tune up rebates will be requested soon.

Mr. Lewis then spoke on the compact fluorescent bulb rebates that will soon be available. Mr. Lewis said that the rebates would give instant rebates of 50 cents per bulb and that Lowes has signs ready with the Danville Utilities logo to advertise the savings.

Mr. Lewis then spoke on the commercial rebate program explaining that both large and small commercial customers are eligible for the rebates for reducing electric load within their facilities.

Mr. Lewis said that there has been a good response for the power saving meters available through the Danville Library.

Dianne Morris from Community Development updated the Commissioners on the Low Income Rental Weatherization Program explaining that landlords can borrow money for weatherization at 5% interest and to qualify they must rent to low income tenants.

Communications

Communications from City Manager: Joe King said that the crews performed well during recent storms and that any outages were short term. Mr. King also said City Council would receive the budget on Friday and that he would provide information on how it was received.

Communications from Utilities Staff: Ken Ashworth spoke on projects in the Power and Light Division and said that the dispatch center at Bridge Street would be moving to the Monument Street facilities in mid April. He said the Commissioners will be invited to tour the facilities after all of the renovations were complete.

Jason Grey said that he has been busy finishing the Fiber to the Home Project and that three County schools are now included in Danville's system.

Jenny Holley said that the budget has been sent to the printer.

Barry Dunkley spoke on the recent very heavy rains and said that a boil water notice had been sent out shortly before the meeting. Mr. Dunkley explained that the rainfall amounts and ground saturation increased the turbidity and runoff and that as a precaution the advisory was issued.

Communications from Commissioners: Mr. Smith questioned if the utilities in the newly designed River District would be underground. Mr. King explained that in some areas they would be and in others they would not. He also said that in many areas they were already underground.

Mr. Schasse asked about Danville's recycling program. Mr. King said that Rick Drazenovich, Director of Danville's Public Works Department, was over the program and would perhaps give a more detailed presentation at a future meeting.

Director's Report: Jim Kendrick spoke on his recent meetings in Washington and the discussions on regulations, budget cuts and cyber security.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment

Chairman Vaughan stated the next meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2012. There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Patti OKeefe
Secretary to the DUC

April 23, 2012

Date Approved

Chairman
Danville Utility Commission