



Commission Members Present: Jeff Liverman, Bob Schasse, Fred Shanks, Phillip Smith, Jim Turpin and Bob Vaughan

Commission Members Absent: Joe King and Steve Daniels

Staff Present: Michael Adkins, Ken Ashworth, Barbara Dameron, Rick Drazenovich, Barry Dunkley, Carolyn Evans, Jim Harr, Jennifer Holley, Jim Kendrick, Nate Lewis, David Parrish and Alan Spencer

Others Present:

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 March 26, 2012 Commission Meeting: Chairman Vaughan asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of March 26, 2012.

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

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

The Commissioners asked what funds would offset the revenue from the fire hydrant rentals that are no longer charged. Jennifer Holley replied that any needed money would come from the fund balance and rates would not be raised this year. Mr. Smith voiced concerns about transfers put into the general fund leaving Utilities in a position where money needed to be borrowed.

Mr. Adkins then addressed additional questions from the Commissioners.

Overview and Update on the City of Danville's Recycling Program: Rick Drazenovich, Director of Public Works, presented information on the City's recycling program. Mr. Drazenovich explained that by state statute the City must recycle 15% of its municipal waste and in 2011 Danville recycled 44% of its waste.

Mr. Drazenovich said there are four drop off locations in the City as well as a yard waste recycling area at the City's compost facility. The City has also initiated curbside recycling in some areas. Mr. Drazenovich explained that the City takes in firewood, electronics, tires, scrap metal, aluminum, cardboard, tin cans, glass, paper, and plastics.

Mr. Drazenovich then explained that Danville sells much of the recycled material to outside companies. The City also gives the mulch and compost processed from the yard waste to residents free of charge.

Danville's Recycling Program reduces landfill disposal fees charged to the City and helps the environment, said Mr. Drazenovich. Every ton of waste not in the landfill saves Danville \$48.

Other: Assistant City Manager, David Parrish, distributed information on the utility fund transfers to the general fund and the River District Renaissance.

Communications

Communications from City Manager: There were none.

Communications from Utilities Staff: Ken Ashworth spoke on two awards recently earned by Danville Utilities. Mr. Ashworth said this is the third time Danville Utilities has won the American Public Power Association's RP3 Award and that it also received the Safety Award of Excellence.

Barry Dunkley said that in response to the recent issues at the water plant, his crews had checked all chemical feeders and sample points and put in a requisition for portable pumps. He said that his department was also working on updating their emergency response plan.

Communications from Commissioners: Mr. Liverman said that the Danville Science Center was working with the RCATT and LiFeBatt on an electric bike project. Mr. Liverman said that the project is an example of the small successes that Danville needs.

Mr. Smith spoke on a utility problem that he recently experienced and the courtesy and professionalism of Ray Conner from the Water and Gas Department.

Director's Report: There was none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Adjournment

Chairman Vaughan stated the next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2012. There being no further business, Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Patti OKeefe
Secretary to the DUC

May 14, 2012
Date Approved

Chairman
Danville Utility Commission