

**Commission Members Present:** Bill Szmyd, Dan Herlihey, Don Cook, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, Randy Williams, Richard Rhoads, and Stephanie Fancher-English.

**LUC Commission Members Absent:** John Butler.

**Council Liaison Present:** Councilor Steve Olson and Councilor Rob Molloy.

**City Staff Members Present:** Aaron Bower, Allison Bohling, Brieana Reed-Harmel, Coreen Callahan, Carlos Medina, Cree Goodwin, Derek Turner, Jeff Monson, Hannah Luzerne, Erica McDaniel, Frank Lindauer, Garth Silvernale, Hope Pruett, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, John Faulkner, Kaila Angellou, Kim O'Field, Michelle Erickson, Larry Howard, Leanne Chamberlin, Lindsey Johansen, Lynn Valdez, Nathan Alburn, Rebecca Howe, Roger Berg, Ryan Van Pelt, Shelby Craver, Tim Bohling, Tracey Hewson, Todd Hanlin, and Tom Greene.

**Guest Attendance:** Gale Bernhardt.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Gary Hausman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

#### **Item 2.1: Approval of Minutes – Gary Hausman**

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2021.

**Motion:** Dan Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Bill Szmyd seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with an **8-0 vote**.

### **CITIZENS REPORT**

None.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### **Item 4.1: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt**

This item provided the raw water supply update.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

#### **Item 4.2: Water Legislative Update – Ryan Van Pelt**

This item provided the water legislative update.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

#### **Item 4.3: Electric Legislative Update – Kim O'Field**

This item provided the electric legislative update.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

### **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Item 5.1: Financial Report Update – Jim Lees**

This item summarized the preliminary monthly and year-to date financials for December 2020.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

**Item 5.2: SARS-CoV-2 RNA Monitoring in Wastewater Influent – Shelby Craver**

Across the state of Colorado, 19 utilities in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Colorado State University and Metropolitan State University are sampling wastewater influent and measuring the amount of SARs-CoV-2 RNA coming into their utilities. This data can provide insight into the prevalence of COVID-19 cases in the population represented by the wastewater samples. The purpose of this presentation is to update the Utilities Commission on the City of Loveland's Water Reclamation Facility's participation in this project since October 2020.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required

**Item 5.3: Customer Relations Communications and Pulse Communications & Marketing Overview – Tracey Hewson, Lindsey Johansen**

This item provided an overview of the Customer Relations and Loveland Pulse Communications and Marketing team.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required

**COMMISSION/COUNCIL REPORTS****Item 7.1: Commission/Council Reports**

**Bill Szmyd:** None.

**Dan Herlihey:** Herlihey said that the hack on the Water Treatment Plant in Florida a week ago made him wonder if **Bernosky** had information in this regard. **Bernosky** addressed this in his Director's Report.

**Don Cook:** None.

**Gary Hausman:** Hausman attended the virtual Colorado Water Congress Conference on February 9, 2021 and February 12, 2021. He provided an update about the topics such as water quality, lead in drinking water, the devastating fires, and mining issues. One session that pertained to the LUC was fire suppression and protecting our water shed. Hausman collected materials and will share them with the LUC and Water and Power staff upon request.

**Gene Packer:** Packer would like a presentation from PRPA in the future. Packer to send **Bernosky** the referenced article to key in on.

**John Butler:** None.

**Randy Williams:** None.

**Richard Rhoads:** None.

**Stephanie Fancher-English:** None.

**Council Report: Councilor Steve Olson** complimented the Customer Relations presentation. Councilor Olson discussed the budget council meetings that were held on February 19, 2021 during a City Council executive session about filling Lake Loveland. The *Fill the Love* group is persisting to get the lake filled with water year-round. This group met with Steve Adams in order to get a rule of 4 to direct staff to do further research. City Council did not make a rule of four.

**Olson** also said that a resolution for Water and Power donations was passed on December 29, 2020. Olson said that the Raw Water Master Plan and Fees presentation went very well. He said it was a great presentation, and commended the Water and Power team. It passed the first reading, and will come back on the consent agenda on March 2, 2021.

Rob Molloy added that we had a new transportation plan for State HWY 402 come to City Council recently. He said that all access points have been designated. According to Molloy, it is a big deal to plan ahead for the future of Loveland. City Council is currently working on an Intergovernmental Agreement with Johnstown for the development occurring on 402. Dave Clockman went through the Transportation plan for the entire city. This new program that has been in the works for quite a while, and a lot of improvements have been made.

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**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Item 8.1: Director's Report** Joe **Bernosky** provided an update on a solar customer that he has been in communication with. This customer filed an action suit with the LUC. The City of Loveland Attorney's office has filed a motion to stop this action. Staff will keep the LUC in the loop.

**Bernosky** complimented Hannah LaLuzerne and Hope Pruett for their work and dedication to the CIS program. This program is schedule to go live on May 1, 2021, but there may be a delay in the implementation of this database. The CIS database will replace the current Customer Information Database that is currently in place.

**Bernosky** also provided an update regarding the Chimney Hollow Project. The environmental activist group has filed an appeal with the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals for the Chimney Hollow action. This is going to cost rate payers money.

A Lake Loveland update was provided, as this item has been a topic at City Council. *Fill the Love* is the group that was formed to try to keep Lake Loveland filled with water year-round. Given Colorado Water Law, it would be very expensive and difficult to keep this lake filled year-round. They did not submit a petition last night, so staff will keep the LUC informed in regard to this item.

**Bernosky** informed the Loveland Utilities Commission (LUC) regarding his status as Director of Water and Power. **Bernosky** has turned his resignation into Steve Adams, the City Manager. He will stay until the Director position has been filled.

**Bernosky** responded to **Herlihey's** comment regarding the water treatment plant hack in Florida. He said we do not have to worry about this. In Florida, they were using old security equipment and databases. They were exhibiting vulnerabilities that we corrected 20 years ago. Our system is night and day different from the water treatment plant in Florida.

**Bernosky** reminded the LUC that the March meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on March 24, 2021, which is a week later than the normal meeting dates. This meeting will be virtual. City Council has directed that all Boards and Commissions meeting be held virtually through 2021.

Last, **Bernosky** would like the LUC to know that a package has been mailed to each Commissioner that includes excellent information from our Customer Relations Division of Water and Power. The package will also include a thumb drive that hosts a document named, "Getting to Know Loveland Water and Power". This document is packed full of information, graphs, charts, and photos of the facilities at Water and Power. In previous years, this document was given out as a printed packet in a binder. The thumb drive version may make it easier to zoom in or print certain pages alone; however, if a LUC member would prefer a printed binder, staff would be happy to accommodate. Please remember to review other important information on our website by clicking on the items below:

[2020 Strategic Plan](#)

[Wastewater Utility Plan](#)

[2020 Water Efficiency Plan](#)

[Raw Water Master Plan](#)

[Drought Management Plan](#)

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m. The next LUC Meeting will be March 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valdez

Recording Secretary

Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman