

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

**LUC Commission Members Absent:** Richard Rhoads (excused).

**Council Liaison Present:** Councilor Steve Olson.

**City Staff Members Present:** Aaron Bower, Alicia Calderon, Cree Goodwin, Erica McDaniel, Frank Lindauer, Garth Silvernale, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, John Faulkner, Kathryn Jordan, Kim O'Field, Michelle Erickson, Larry Howard, Leanne Chamberlin, Lynn Valdez, Roger Berg, Ruth Hecker, Ryan Van Pelt, Tim Bohling, and Yarani Vazquez.

**Guest Attendance:** Chris Manley, Chris Neurath, Dr. Eric France, Greg Hill, Katya Mauritsen, DMD, Max Levy, Patricia Braun, MD, MPH, Rick North, Steve Holloway, Stuart Jenkins, Timmothy Renner, Traudl Renner, and William Bailey, DDS, MPH.

**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 February 17, 2021 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from February 17, 2021.

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

**Second:** Don Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with an **6-0 vote**.

*Several Commissioners had a delay in joining the meeting virtually.*

### CITIZENS REPORT

None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Item 4.1: Financial Report Update – Jim Lees**

This item summarizes the preliminary monthly and year-to date financials for February 2021.

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

**Item 4.2: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt**

This item provided the water supply update.

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

**Item 4.3: Water Legislative Update – Ryan Van Pelt**

This item provided the water legislative update.

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

**Item 4.4: Power Legislative Update – Yarani Vazquez**

This item provided the electric legislative update.

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

**REGULAR AGENDA****Item 5.1: Community Water Fluoridation Panel A – Traudl Renner, Kathryn Jordan Rick North, & Chris Neurath**

The Commission heard presentations from the following panelists in regards to Community Fluoridation: Traudl Renner, Kathryn Jordan and Chris Neurath the Research Director from the AEHSP - American Environmental Health Studies Project.

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

**Item 5.2: Community Water Fluoridation Panel B – Chris Manley, Dr. Eric France, Katya Mauritson, DMD, Patricia Braun, MD, MPH, William Bailey, DDS, MPH**

The Commission heard presentations from the following panelists in regards to Community Fluoridation: First presentation from Chris Manley, the Environmental Health Services Director from Larimer Public Health. Second presentation from William Bailey, DDS, MPH, from Delta Dental Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Caries Prevention. Third presentation from Patricia Braun, MD, MPH, the Professor of Pediatrics from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. Fourth presentation from Katya Mauritson, DMD, the Dental Director from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Dr. Eric France.

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

**Item 5.3: Community Water Fluoridation Submitted Letters and Comments – Various Submissions**

The purpose of this item was to present letters and comments that have been submitted to Loveland Water and Power in regard to the topic of Community Water Fluoridation.

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

**Item 5.4: Community Water Fluoridation – Joe Bernosky**

The Commission heard presentations from two three-person panels regarding community water fluoridation.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Motion to Direct Water and Power Department Staff to Advise the Loveland City Council that the Loveland Utilities Commission Recommends No Alteration to the City of Loveland's Fluoridation Protocols for Municipal Water Supply Service, Which Conform to Colorado Department of Health and Environment Recommendations.

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

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

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

**Bill Szmyd:** Szmyd said it was tough to sort through the information presented regarding community water fluoridation, and he would like to more information regarding the topic of fluoride in the future.

**Szmyd** also asked if we were going to have in-person meetings again in the near future. **Bernosky** said that the City is still working through the logistics in this regard. **Szmyd** asked **Bernosky** what the snow storm showed us about the robustness of our power system. **Bernosky** said he will address this during Director's Report.

**Dan Herlihey:** **Herlihey** asked about the 6,000 Water and Power customers whose billing will be estimated, is that due to the storm and ability to read the meters? Will that get trued up with the next cycle? **Bernosky** said that is correct that the billing estimation is due to the heavy snow pack, it was only a few series of cycles that had power outages. There is currently no problem reading meters.

**Don Cook:** **Cook** appreciated the thought-provoking presentations from both panels.

**Gary Hausman:** None.

**Gene Packer:** None.

**John Butler:** **Butler** liked the format and the information presented.

**Randy Williams:** **Williams** thanked everyone for their presentation and great materials. He really appreciated the presentations by both panels.

**Richard Rhoads:** Not available.

**Stephanie Fancher-English:** None.

**Council Report:** **Councilor Steve Olson** thanked the Commission for listening to both sides of the fluoridation issue, and he knows that a lot of people in the community have concerns in this regard. The City has a video presentation on Tuesday evening, **Olson** spoke on Water and Power and hoped he represented Water and Power well. He said this is a continued tribute to the professionalism of the staff at the City of Loveland. The video covered Connect Loveland and Public Works projects that may have implications for Water and Power. The video looked at different ways that we get around in our community, and identified possible plans from now until 2040. The Raw Water Fees were approved on second reading the March 16, 2021. There was considerable expression of concern from City Council that members of the community, centered around the water bank, feel that the City has unfairly caused people to lose money. There is a lot of data involved, and **Olson** may bring this item back to the LUC for discussion.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Item 8.1: Director's Report - Joe Bernosky

**Bernosky** informed the LUC that he is writing a brief report to City Council, delivered through Steve Adams, about the community water fluoridation topic. You may view this as **Attachment A**.

**Bernosky** said that we should be very proud of the men and women that work in the Water and Power Department. The recent snow storm was very hard on staff in order to keep power flowing to the customers. The line crews worked tirelessly to restore power to customers starting at 4 a.m. About 85% of our distribution system is underground, and there were a few faults that occurred. A couple larger faults took place at transformers and switchgears. We are proud of the system itself, we did very well and wrapped up all of the power outages or flickering power by Monday morning.

**Bernosky** said that the spring recruitment cycle for Boards and Commissions will run from April 1, 2021 to May 1, 2021. Applications to join the Loveland Utilities Commission can be found here:

<https://cilovelandco.civicweb.net/Portal/BoardApplication>

Outgoing members must reapply to serve on the Commission. If you wish to reapply, please get in touch with Lynn Valdez. In addition, an alternate position is available. Please note the following dates:

April 1, 2021 - Recruitment opens

May 1, 2021 - Recruitment closes

May 1, 2021 - Interviews may take place

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May 12, 2021 – Deadline to have recommendations to the City Council agenda

May 18, 2021 – City Council will appoint new members. Any interviews and recommendations made will go to Council at a later meeting date.

Water and Power will advertise this on our website and social media platforms.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. The next LUC Meeting will be April 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valdez

Recording Secretary

Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman