

Commission Members Present: Bill Szmyd, Clinton O’Niell, Don Cook, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, John Butler, Matt Elkins, Randy Williams, and Richard Rhoads.

LUC Commission Members Absent: Dan Herlihey (excused),

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

City Staff Members Present: Bill Crowell, Christine Schraeder, Derek Turner, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, Larry Howard, Lynn Valdez, Michelle Erickson, and Yarani Vazquez.

Guest Attendance: Dave Smalley, Shelley Nywall, Trista Fugate, and Wade Hancock

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

Item 1.1: Introduction of Clinton O’Niell – Gary Hausman

Item 2.1: Adoption of Minutes – Gary Hausman

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2021.

Motion: John Butler made the motion.

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

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 June 2021.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

Item 4.2: Electric Legislative Update – Laurie Cecere

This item and Attachment A are intended to give a brief update on electric-related legislation at both the state and federal level. Loveland Water and Power works closely with Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) and its sister cities but relies primarily on the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) for information on electric-related legislation.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5.1: Second Amendment to Services Contract Idylwilde License Surrender - Christine Schraeder

Phases 3 and 4 of the Idylwilde License Surrender project are still in progress. In order to finalize those two phases and close out the entire contract, Otak requires a bit more funding to get us through license surrender.

Recommendation: Adopt a Motion Recommending that City Council Approve the Contract Amendment for Support for Idylwilde FERC License Surrender with Otak, Inc. to Increase the Not-To-Exceed Amount to \$922,000.80 and Authorize the City Manager to Sign the Contract Amendment on Behalf of The City.

Motion: Butler made the motion.

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

REPORTS

Item 6.1: PRPA Long-term Wholesale Rate Projections – Jim Lees

The purpose of this item is to give the LUC a report on PRPA's latest long-term wholesale rate projections.

Recommendation: Information Only. No action required.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Item 7.1: Commission/Council Reports

Bill Szmyd: Concerned about quota of CBT water for next year, what kind of back up or surplus do we have? **Bernosky** said we will operate under the philosophy that in the case of a severe drought, we do not want customers to be cut off. If we got a 50% quota of our CBT, we would not have to go into restrictions. The drought would have to be extremely severe.

Clinton O'Niell: None.

Dan Herlihey: N/A

Don Cook: Questioned CIS and negative publicity. **Bernosky** said there were several password issues, billing issues, and a back log of calls. June 2021 bills are finalized, and the issues are beginning to taper off.

Gary Hausman: None.

Gene Packer: None.

John Butler: None.

Matt Elkins: Questioned if there will there be a post mortem on what went wrong with launch of CIS?

Bernosky said this will take place later when things calm down.

Randy Williams: None.

Richard Rhoads: None.

COUNCIL REPORT

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT**Item 8.1: Director's Report - Joe Bernosky**

Joe **Bernosky**, Director of Water and Power, said that an interview took place with a LUC applicant for the alternate position that was available. Gary **Hausman**, Councilor Steve **Olson**, and Director **Bernosky** interviewed Clinton **O'Neill** on June 24, 2021. On July 6, 2021, City Council approved the addition of **O'Neill** as an alternate member on the LUC with a term dated July 7, 2021 until June 30, 2024. Clinton **O'Neill** has over 13 years of business experience with renewable energy companies including the award winning solar and energy storage development company Island Pacific Energy, in Honolulu, HI. O'Neill's extensive experience in the renewable energy industry has been coupled with a focus on detail oriented customer service and forward thinking to drive the deployment of renewable technologies into hands of everyday users. O'Neill holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. As a Colorado native born in Fort Collins and raised in Loveland, O'Neill, his wife and two daughters recently relocated back to Loveland and are excited to get involved in the local community.

Bernosky provided information regarding the 4th of July weekend river issues.

Bernosky provided an update regarding Chimney Hollow and credit ratings and bond sale.

Bernosky provided information regarding the 29th Street tank coming online.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m. The next LUC Meeting will be August 18, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valdez

Recording Secretary

Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman