

UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
August 7, 2023, 3:30 PM

In Attendance:

Members: Councilman Ed Conley, Councilman Rob Rice, Councilwoman Dils, Mayor Sean Wilson

City Staff: John Doyle, Michele Brown, Tracey York, Miriam Jones, Jen Worth, Daniel Shelden, Joe York, Donnie Beal

Visitors:

1. **Call to Order** – Councilman Conley called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. **Citizen Comments** – No Comments
2. **Approval of Minutes – July 3, 2023** – Mr. Doyle presented the committee with minutes from the July 3rd utility committee for approval. Councilman Rice made the motion to approve the minutes and Councilwoman Dils seconded. All were in favor.
3. **Witmor/Buckhorn Sewer Update**
Mr. Doyle stated the Witmor/Buckhorn lagoons are now completely offline and plans to close them by next week.
4. **Mutual Aid – City of Nixa**
Mr. Doyle stated that Nixa Utilities sent out a request for mutual aid among MPOA members due to numerous trees down across the city, causing the Nixa electrical distribution system to be damaged in many places. The City of Waynesville was able to send 3-line workers and two bucket trucks to assist the City of Nixa
5. **Utility Billing Cards vs. Envelopes**
Mr. Doyle stated that utility billing is looking at revising the billing process. This would include changing from statements and envelopes to postcard billing. Notice of the upcoming change will go out in the next couple of months and new postcard billing will begin around January 2024
6. **Tantalus**
Mr. Doyle updated the committee stating that the area east of the Roubidoux bridge within the next upcoming months will be implemented with the Tantalus System. This will enable the city to work on a smart grid technology that focuses on helping build sustainable utilities for the future by creating a digital network of connected and intelligent devices for electricity, water, and natural gas.
7. **Department Updates**
 - Natural Gas Department** – Mr. York stated that his department has been working up in Summit Pass putting in road crossings, new meter services and continuing corrosion control, which is checking meters for leaks and visible reads. This program is a requirement every three years. Keeping up with daily work orders and dig rites.
 - Electric Department** – Mr. Shelden stated that the electric department had 7 power outages, 2 streetlights, 4 trees, 10 miscellaneous, 15 new services, and 2 service upgrades for the month of July. Major highlights for July include continued work on Rowden’s phase 2. Continued work on Mesa. Turned on services at Dollar General. The electric department received a new bucket truck from the VW grant. The old truck is scheduled to be demolished 8-15-23. Started removing brush around the newly acquired Bogg’s automotive building. Received mutual aid call to help the City of Nixa in storm restoration. Our single phase reclosures saved 6 power outages.
 - Water/Sewer Department** – Mr. Beal stated that the water and sewer department installed 10 water services, 11 service line repairs, 8 leaks on homeowners’ side, 3 sewer lines jetted, 4 water mains repaired, and 6 yards repaired. Continued mowing at plant and wells, along with daily well and lift station checks. Keeping up with daily work orders and dig rites. Daily maintenance and operation of treatment plant.
8. **Other Business**
Mr. Doyle stated there was a need for closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.21 (1). Councilwoman Dils made a motion to enter into closed session and Councilman Rice seconded. The motion passed and the committee entered into closed session at 4:31 pm.

The committee returned to open session at 4:54 pm.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned by Chairman Conley at 4:54 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2023, at 3:30 pm