

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday, May 16, 2022, 2:00 PM, at City Hall – Council Chambers

Present: Commissioner Larson, Graves, Martinson, Summerville, Karlgaard, Crocker, Christensen

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Graves offered a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 2, 2022. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinson and carried unanimously.

City Officials

Interim City Administrator Christensen informed members that the City Council will be approving the hiring of Lori Conway as City Administrator. There were no other updates currently.

UTILITY MANAGEMENT

Bills and Claims

Commissioner Graves offered a motion to approve the Bills and Claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Karlgaard and carried unanimously.

Albertson's Parts City	Starter, Oil Filters, Misc - Util	\$ 284.58
Amaril Uniform Company	Safety Clothing - Elec	379.69
Blazer Express, Inc.	Fuel - Utility	242.49
Conzemius Oil Co.	Bulk Oil - Elec	465.00
Cummins Sales and Service	WP Generator Inspection	438.11
Ethanol Products, LLC	CO2 - Water Plant	4,177.74
Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel, Jetter Hoses, etc. - Utility	2,917.16
Fergus Power Pump, Inc.	Sludge Hauling 05-04-22	843.75
Gopher State One-Call	Locates	16.20
Graymont (WI) LLC	Lime - Water Plant	5,370.38
Great Plains Natural Gas	Nat Gas - Water Plants	173.50
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals - Water Plant	1,800.43
KBMW	Electric Advertising	204.00
Lloyd's 75 Service	Tire Mounting, Repairs - Utility	376.86
Midcontinent Communications	Phone/internet - Water Plant/Util Shop	129.30
Missouri River Energy Ser	MRES Bill	120,352.27
ND Sewage Pump & Lift Sta	Annual Service Contract, Rep. - Lift Stations	1,880.00
Pro-West & Associates, Inc.	GIS Tablet - Support	185.65
Red River Communications	Phone Lines - Util	94.34
RMB Environmental Lab, Inc.	Mercury, Lagoon, Water Testing	532.00
Stuart C. Irby Company	Rubber Goods Testing	264.40
US AutoForce	Misc Charge - Electric Tires	5.47
Waste Mgmt Of WI-MN	Garbage PU	441.26
Wesco Distributing, Inc.	Connectors - Electric	114.89
		\$ 141,689.47
601 Electric	\$ 123,508.03	
602 Sewer	3,972.19	

603 Water 14,209.25

TOTAL - \$141,689.47

Crew Updates

Electric: Crew has been meter reading, working on mapping, etc. Crew will be changing out the tap changer at the Twito Substation along with doing safety training.

Water/Wastewater: Crew will be getting pool ready for opening this week, turning on water in Parks, reading meters, etc.

Sanitary Sewer Issues

Director of Public Services Crocker informed members that after the storm and heavy rains came thru Breckenridge on Monday, May 12, 2022, there were problem at the lift stations. The high levels caused backup in some homes. Discussion regarding the procedures that were followed. Director Crocker stated that procedures are in place at this time. These procedures spell out at what levels lift station pumping needs to begin.

Director Crocker stated that after going thru this event he believes that sump pumps going into the sanitary sewer system is the main issue that is causing high lift stations. There will always be I & I but the sump pumps are dumping a considerable amount of water directly into the sanitary sewer system.

After considerable discussion Commission members instructed Director Crocker to bring back to them the following:

1. Cost to permanently set up piping to make pumping lift stations down quickly and more efficiently
2. The current sump pump policy to review and discuss

Miscellaneous Updates

There were no miscellaneous updates at this time.

Commission Comments

None

There being no further business, Commissioner Graves offered a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Karlgaard and carried unanimously.