

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE KIMBERLY WATER COMMISSION**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

Chairman Price called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. Members present for roll call were Commissioners Johnson, Stienen, Strick and Chairman Price. Also present was Supt. Verstegen of MCO.

Commissioner Strick moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January Meeting as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Administrator Hermus informed the Commission that he was contacted by the PSC on Monday regarding the rate case. It is completed, and we should receive their recommendation shortly. It is anticipated that by the March Commission Meeting, we should have the information on file, and the hearing date set. We are still on pace for the July implementation date, at about 30%.

The Commission reviewed the proposed lease with U. S. Cellular for the Kimberly Avenue/Birch Street Tower. Administrator Hermus was able to increase the monthly rent from \$1,200 to \$1,500 and reach an agreement on the landscaping area and building plans. It is a 30 year lease, with 13% escalators every five years. The agreement was approved by Attorney Koehler. We are still awaiting a response from the engineer on tower compatibility; however everything appears appropriate based on previous antenna leases and values. Commissioner Strick moved, Johnson seconded the motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of the lease agreement with U. S. Cellular as amended, contingent upon approval of the Engineer. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

The Commission reviewed the amended Cross Connection Policy, as approved last month. They also reviewed the proposed ordinance language regarding commercial/industrial cross connections inspections. Commercial and Industrial must be completed by a licensed plumber. After some discussion, Commissioner Strick moved, Johnson seconded the motion to recommend to the Village Board approval of the amendment to Ordinance 9-1-52(c) regarding cross connection inspections.

The Commission reviewed several options for commemorative reusable water bottles the utility is considering purchasing for the Village of Kimberly Centennial Celebration. The Commission wanted additional time to think about the parameters of the project, quantity, costs and distribution methods. This will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.

Supt. Verstegen reviewed the month of February events for the utility. There was only one water break for the month. He is still investigating the feasibility of converting the Lincoln Street salt bins to separate one for salt and the other for brine. He will bring this back to the Commission once prices are known. He is also changing the softener shell cleaning schedule based on use, not time. Some minor fixes to piping at Fulcer Avenue were completed in house,

however some stainless steel lines will require outside assistance. Some of the controls at Fulcer Avenue were replaced as repairs were not feasible. There is also a problem with the meter inventory program. Some data was lost. This is a custom program with very little latitude for other reports. Supt. Versteegen will investigate how best to move forward.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the bills and claims for the month of February as presented. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stienen seconded the motion to approve the financial statements for the month of February as prepared. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Commissioner Johnson moved, Stienen seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the Commission.

Rick J. Hermus  
Secretary