

UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
OPEN SESSION MINUTES
January 8, 2024, 3:30 PM

Attendance:

Board: Councilman Ed Conley, Councilman Rob Rice, Councilwoman Dils

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

Visitors: Steve Lynch

- **Call to Order** – Councilman Conley called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.
- **Citizen Comments** – No citizens comments.
- **Approval of Minutes – November 6, 2023** – Councilman Rice made the motion to approve the meeting minutes and Councilwoman Dils seconded.
- **Post Office- Lost Mail (November)/Modification of Shut-Off** – Mr. Doyle stated that in the month of November, there were numerous payments sent by customers during the first week of November that were lost in the mail and never received at the City of Waynesville. The lost mail created a delay in utility disconnects for December until January and January's disconnects were delayed due to the cold weather rule.
- **Natural Gas -Winter Storm Uri Payoff** – Mr. Doyle presented the committee with a copy of the latest MPUA Natural Gas Invoice showing where the final payments have been made towards the Feb Relief 2021 Winter Storm Uri and Reimbursement to MPUA for the March 2021 Benefit.
- **Utility Billing Cards** – Mrs. York presented the committee with a sample of the new postcard billing statements to begin the month of January. The city will continue to send out mailers throughout the year as well.
- **Department Updates**
 - **Natural Gas Department** – Mr. York stated that the natural gas department had inspections by the Public Service Commission and DIMP (Distribution Integrity Management Program), with some recommendations. Installed 9 new services and install around 1800' of pipe in the last couple of months. The gas department also attended the Common Ground Alliance Conference in Springfield for locator classes and safety issues. Keeping up with daily work orders and dig rites
 - **Electric Department** – Mr. Shelden stated that the electric department had 4 power outages, 4 streetlights, 2 trees, 4 miscellaneous, and 7 new services, for the month of November. For the month of December there were 3 power outages and 14 new services. The utility committee received a 2023 yearly report showing 37 power outages, 45 streetlights, 28 trees, 54 miscellaneous, 157 new services, 2 net metering, 5-meter tests, 10 service upgrades and 2 fixed yards. The committee also received 2023 E-Reliability Report and a 2024 Electric Department Strategic Plan. Keeping up with daily dig rites and work orders.
 - **Water/Sewer Department** – Mr. Beal stated that the water and sewer department repaired 3 water mains, jetted 2 sewer mains, 8 service line repairs, 30-meter pits insulated for the winter months ahead and installed 6 new services. Employee Mr. Hendrix received a DSII Certificate. Keeping up with daily work orders and dig rites. Daily maintenance and operation of treatment plant.
- **Other Business** –
 - **The Wall That Heals – May 16-19** – *The Wall That Heals*, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Waynesville, MO on May 16th to the 19th, 2024 at Waynesville's Roubidoux Park and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public.
 - **Best Sapper Competition – April 19** – A portion of *The Best Sapper Competition* will be held in our City Park on April 19, 2024.

Mr. Doyle stated there was a need for closed session in accordance with RSMo 610.021 (1)(2)(3)(13)(18). Councilwoman Dils made a motion to enter closed session and Councilman Rice seconded. The motion passed and the committee entered closed session at 4:34 pm.

The committee returned to open session at 4:44 pm.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned by Chairman Conley at 4:44 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 5th, 2024, at 3:30 pm