

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
8:30 AM

Present: Evelyn O. Shaw, Chairwoman
Ronna Rowe Garrett, Vice Chairwoman
Donald L. Porter, Secretary (VIRTUAL)
Wade R. Fowler, Jr., Treasurer

Others Present: Mick Noland, Interim CEO/General Manager
Deno Hondros, City Council Liaison
Media

Absent: Telly Whitfield, Assistant City Manager
Jimmy Keefe, Cumberland County Liaison

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairwoman Evelyn Shaw called the meeting of September 28, 2022, to order at 8:30 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Wade Fowler, Jr., the agenda was unanimously approved.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF FORMER PWC COMMISSIONER WILSON LACY WHO PASSED AWAY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022.

CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, the Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of September 14, 2022
- B. Approve to Set Public Hearing On Wireless Attachment Tariff And Electric Rate Schedule Modifications For October 12, 2022; Direct Staff To Give Public Notice Of Hearing
- C. Adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.23 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid

The Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as “transformer shipment #638, containing forty (40) transformers, totaling 2,534 kVA” (the “Equipment”). Staff has determined that PWC has no use for the Equipment at this time, and Staff estimates that the value of the Equipment is at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission declare this Equipment to be surplus and authorize the sale of the Equipment via sealed bid in accordance with G.S. 160A-268.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends the Commission adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.23 to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid.

- D. Adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.24 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid

The Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as 1165290, LUMINAIRE, LED, ROADWAY, TYPE II, 50W, LABELED AS 50 containing Eighteen Hundred (1800) lights. Staff has determined that PWC has no use for the Equipment at this time, and Staff estimates that the value of the Equipment is at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission declare this Equipment to be surplus and authorize the sale of the Equipment via sealed bid in accordance with G.S. 160A-268.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends the Commission adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.24 to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid.

- E. Adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.25 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid.

The Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as “transformer shipment #645, containing forty (40) transformers, totaling 1950 KVA” (the “Equipment”). Staff has determined that PWC has no use for the Equipment at this time, and Staff estimates that the value of the Equipment is at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission declare this Equipment to be surplus and authorize the sale of the Equipment via sealed bid in accordance with G.S. 160A-268.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends the Commission adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.25 to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid.

- F. Adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2022.26 – Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Property to the Greenville Utilities Commission

Staff recommends the Commission grant authority to the CEO/General Manager of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to sell to the Greenville Utilities Commission (“GUC”) twenty-four (24) 1-075-342-CONNECTOR, AL. STUD, 6 X 250 MCM,W/COVER connectors (the “Property”) in exchange for \$751.63 (\$31.3179 per unit). GUC staff contacted PWC staff and requested to purchase the Property. PWC staff reviewed inventory and determined that it has a sufficient quantity of the connectors to sell twenty-four of the units to GUC. Specifically, PWC currently has 312 units in stock and used 22 in 2021. As such, PWC staff determined that the Property was no longer being used in, and was not needed for, the regular business operations of PWC.

GUC has agreed to purchase the Property through the interlocal agreement being provided with this memo. North Carolina General Statute §160A-274 authorizes PWC, in part, to sell to any other governmental unit any interest in personal property upon such terms and conditions as PWC deems wise.

COMMENTS: PWC staff recommends the sale of the Property to the GUC using the interlocal agreement provided with this memo.

- G. Adopt PWC Ordinance # PWCORD2022-34 – FY2023 Amendment #3 Budget Ordinance

PWCORD2022-34 is a W/WW Fund amendment changing the fund balances as follows: The W/WW Fund is increasing \$255,700 to \$144.0 million.

W/WW Fund

- ❖ W/WW Fund Revenue: Total W/WW Fund Revenue increased \$255,700.
 - Appropriation from W/WW Net Position increased by \$255,700 due to expenses below.
- ❖ W/WW Fund Expenditures: Total W/WW Fund Expenditures increased \$255,700.
 - Capital Expenditures increased by \$62,000 due to the cost of vehicles and large power equipment escalating.
 - Transfer to Transportation Equipment Fund has increased by \$193,700, due to the escalation of purchase prices on the long lead time vehicles.
 - Transfer to Directed Grant Project Fund increased by \$200,000 due to the TEXFI Groundwater Remediation project being transferred to the newly created capital project fund in FY23. This appropriation is offset by reducing the Water Resources Division expenses.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends the Commission adopt the above budget ordinance amendment PWCORD2022-34

H. Adopt PWC Ordinance # PWCORD2022-35 – Capital Project Ordinance Amendment – Water Transportation Equipment CPF Amendment #1

PWCORD2022-35 amends the Water Transportation equipment capital Project Fund (CPF). The amendment adjusts the cost estimate for long lead time vehicles based on escalation of purchase prices.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends the Commission adopt the above budget CPF ordinance amendment PWCORD2022-35.

END OF CONSENT

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Update on Hurricane Ian

Mr. Noland requested Mr. Rynne to give an update on Hurricane Ian. Mr. Rynne stated in looking at the NOAA models and some of the spaghetti models, it looks like when the storm reaches the west of us, it will be a tropical depression with winds below 39 miles per hour. We are anticipating this will be a wind and rain event for our area, with 4 – 6 inches of rain; we could see winds up to 39-40 miles per hour. For the electric utility it means we may see scattered outages, with the possibility of some flooding, which could affect the underground systems. To prepare we have placed four of our line crew in an on call position on Thursday night into Friday, and we will continue based on the impacts of Friday into Saturday. It looks like the storm should pass us sometime through the day on Saturday or Sunday morning. We will have those resources and we also will have contract resources should we need them.

We have been contacted by ElectriCities. They wanted to know if we will need mutual aid, and if we can provide mutual aid if needed in Florida. If we are not needed here because we do not see that much impact from the storm, we propose to send two of our crews, with ElectriCities and the mutual aid down to Florida. It depends on the weather impacts if we can offer that aid or not.

We will call on other resources from PWC to help handle the possible volume of customer inquiry/calls that may come in. Ms. Miller is looking to utilize some of the Customer Service Reps, to expand the ability of off

hours to respond to the outages. We will also increase some of the reporting we do from our systems operations area to communicate what the status is.

Mr. Noland stated on the water side it is a similar tract. The generators at the plants have been tested, and we have ensured there will be no issues disconnecting from the PWC grid.

All the employees have their vehicles stocked with parts, and topped off with gas. Fleet has ensured the priority vehicles are/were in the bay are serviced. We have on stand-by the vendor we use to supply meals. We also have rooms on stand-by. Mr. Noland stated though he is not planning to access the EOC, although we will have representatives at the City and County.

We expect trees to be down because of the wind and wet ground. Flooding at the plants may be caused by excessive inflows. We can only mitigate any damage high flows may cause. At the water plants, we have fuel for the generations, and chemical tanks topped off as much as we can. We also have standby generators on hand.

Commissioner Fowler informed Council Member Hondros that when we have an event like this a lot of the different council members have somebody's phone numbers. He suggested that the council members call Council Member Hondros as a single point of contact. And he can call Ms. Alexandra Hasapis. Mr. Noland stated staff will attempt to do an update every hour.

He stated staff had a table-top exercise a couple of weeks ago. We also completed a follow-up meeting to revisit the table-top and address any question that arose. During the Chief Officers Meeting plans were again discussed and if there were any questions, sought to answer them. We will get a notification out to staff to inform them of our plans.

Mr. Noland stated he appreciates the Commission's continued support and involvement.

COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

Commissioner Donald Porter

Thanked everyone for all they are doing.

Commissioner Wade Fowler, Jr.

No Comments

Commissioner Ronna Garrett

No Comments

Council Member Hondros

Council Member Hondros thanked PWC for all the hard work relative to the impending storm. He stated he is pleased the utility and the municipal government is separate. He feels that PWC operates as a well-oiled machine and does not need them (the Council) in the way. He stated the last time he was in the building; he was informed Mr. Lacy passed. He also had the opportunity to meet with Chairwoman Shaw and they had a pleasant conversation. He stated these are titans in our community. Mr. Wilson Lacy's passing is a loss. He

stated he is just trying to do a small part and step in their shoes which are big shoes to fill. He commends and applauds all the work PWC does, and keep on doing it.

Chairwoman Evelyn Shaw

Commissioner Shaw commented on Council Member Hondros. She stated he certainly is an advocate for PWC, and we are glad he is on the Council and as our liaison. She stated she does not believe she would be remiss in saying PWC has his support.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

- A. Monthly Cash Flow Report - August 2022
- B. Recap of Uncollectible Accounts – August 2022
- C. Purchase Orders – August 2022
- D. Career Opportunities
- E. Financial Statement Recaps –
 - Electric Division – August 2022
 - Water/Wastewater Division – August 2022
- F. Approved N.C. Department of Transportation Encroachment Agreement(s):
 - Encl. #19082 – install concrete pipe tongue & groove joint @ SR1712 (Melstone Dr.) & US401 (Ramsey St.)
 - Encl. #19083 – install overhead street lighting facilities – Stacey Weaver Dr – Ramsey St (US401) to Chesapeake Rd
 - Encl. #18841 – install of sanitary sewer pipe @ Jockey Whip Lane & Gallant Fox Court
 - Encl. #18842 – install. of sanitary sewer main on SR 3399 (Lakeview Dr)
 - Encl. #18843 – install. of sanitary sewer main @ SR 3473 (Lake Farm Rd.)
 - Encl. #18844 – install. of sanitary sewer main @ R4164 (Mariners Landing dr.)
 - Encl. #18845 – install. of sanitary sewer main @ SR 1003 (Camden Rd.) & Northbank St.
 - Encl. #18846 – install. of sanitary sewer main @ SR 1108 (King Rd.) & Savannah Dr.
 - Encl. #19678 – install. of 8” RJD water main on NC Hwy 59 (S. Main St.)
 - Encl. #19080 – 3-PH underground primary installation @ 401 (s. Raeford Rd), nr. SR1102 (Gillis Hill Rd)
- G. Actions by City Council during the meeting of September 12, 2022, related to PWC:
 - Approved Assessment Appeal for Vacant Land (4.89 Acres Kennedy Land) PIN 9496-67-8292
 - Approved Bid Recommendation – Sewer Main Rehabilitation

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11(A)(6) FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS

Commissioner Wade Fowler, Jr., motioned to enter closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Sessions 143-318.11(A)(6) for Personnel Matters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, and unanimously approved at 8:49 a.m.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Wade Fowler, Jr., the Commission returned to open session at 10:06 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11(A)(3) TO CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

Commissioner Ronna Garrett motioned to enter Closed Session Pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(A)(3) to Consult with an Attorney. Commissioner Wade Fowler, Jr., seconded the motion, and upon unanimous consent the Commission entered closed session at 10:06 am.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commission Ronna Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Wade Fowler, Jr., the Commission returned to open session at 10:25 am.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Wade Fowler, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, the Commission adjourned at 10:25 a.m.