

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2023
8:30 AM

Present: Donald L. Porter, Chairman
Christopher G. Davis, Vice Chairman
Ronna Rowe Garrett, Secretary
Richard W. King, Treasurer

Others Present: Deno Hondros, City Council Liaison
Courtney Banks-McLaughlin, City Council Member (VIA WEBEX)
Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Interim Town Mgr./Liaison
Media

Absent: Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Jimmy Keefe, Cumberland County Liaison

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Donald Porter called the meeting of December 13, 2023, to order at 8:30 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Ronna Garrett motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis and unanimously approved.

I. PRESENTATIONS

APPA SMART ENERGY PROVIDER AWARD

Presented by: Carolyn Justice-Hinson, Communications/Community Relations Officer

The Smart Energy Provider Award is presented by the American Public Power Association. All the utilities that earned it were recognized in November. The program is a best practices designation, much like the RP3 Program. It shows the utility's commitment to energy efficiency, distributed energy resources, renewable energy, and environmental initiatives. This is PWC's third designation since the program began in 2019, and it is a two-year designation. Currently there are 97 out of 13,000 public power utilities that hold this designation. To receive it either you pass or fail. You have to receive at least 70 points out of a 100. We received 96 out of 100 points. Some of the things that contributed to this is our community solar, battery storage, time of use electric rates, our extensive offering of customer incentive programs, our customer conservation program, as well as our electric vehicle charging stations, and most recently our optional rates for solar and super off-peak. They offer a look at other activities throughout the year, such as our customer survey and benchmarking, and our strategic planning.

Council Member Banks-McLaughlin congratulated PWC on the Smart Energy Provider Award.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Christopher Davis motioned to approve the Consent Items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, and unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of November 8, 2023
- B. Adopt PWC Resolution - PWC2023.42 – Resolution of Fayetteville Public Works Commission for Tentative Award of Bid Contract

During the October 25th Commission Meeting, the Commission approved the bid recommendation to award the base bid and alternate bid for the Re-Advertisement PO Hoffer Water Treatment Facility and Glenville Lake Water Treatment Facility Reliability Contract no. 55. However, the above resolution was not attached. Staff is requesting approval of PWC Resolution – PWC2023.42 and requests the City Council to approve a similar resolution.

- C. Adopt PWC Resolution – PWC2023.43 – Resolution Authorizing the Delegation of Certain Duties of the General Manager to Senior Staff
- D. Adopt PWC Resolution – PWC2023.44 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid

Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as “transformer shipment #649 overhead, containing seventy-five (75) transformers, totaling 3235 KVA” (the “Equipment”). Staff has determined that PWC no longer has any use for the Equipment, that the Equipment should be sold at this time, and that the estimated 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.

- E. Adopt PWC Resolution – PWC2023.45 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid

Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in our inventory as “transformer shipment #650 Pad Mount, containing forty (40) transformers, totaling 2000 KVA” (the “Equipment”). Staff has determined that PWC no longer has any use for the Equipment, that the Equipment should be sold at this time, and that the estimated 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.

- F. Adopt PWC Resolution – PWC2023.46 – Resolution to Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Public Auction

Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns personal property described as one (1) 2007 Caterpillar 430E 4.4L Backhoe. Staff has determined that PWC has no use for the personal property at this time, and staff estimates that the value of the personal property is at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission

declare this personal property as surplus and authorize the sale of the personal property via public auction in accordance with G.S. 160A-270.

G. Adopt PWC Ordinance – PWCORD2023-35 – FY2024 Electric and Water/Wastewater (W/WW) Fund Budget Amendment #5

PWCORD2023-35 is an Electric and W/WW Fund amendment changing the fund balances as follows: The Electric Fund is increasing by \$2,404,100 to \$307.2 million and the W/WW Fund is increasing \$3,377,900 to \$156.7 million.

Electric Fund

- Series 2023 Bond Debt: The Electric Fund Revenues are increasing \$3,571,900 and Electric Fund Expenditures are increasing \$2,404,100 for changes in Bond Interest Expense, Amortization and Finance Costs related to the Series 2023 Bond Issuance. The impact is a \$1,167,800 decrease in Appropriation from Electric Net Position.

W/WW Fund

- Series 2023 Bond Debt: The W/WW Fund Revenues are increasing \$3,377,900 and W/WW Fund Expenditures are increasing \$3,590,400 for changes in Bond Interest Expense, Amortization and Finance Costs related to the Series 2023 Bond Issuance. The impact is a \$212,500 decrease in Appropriation to W/WW Net Position.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the attached budget ordinance amendment PWCORD2023-35.

H. Adopt PWC Ordinances – PWCORD2023-36 thru PWCORD2023-42 – Capital Project Fund (CPF) Budget Ordinances

The following ordinances will be effective upon adoption:

- PWCORD2023-36 amends the Series 2023 Water and Wastewater CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received as part of the Series 2023 Revenue Bonds issuance.
- PWCORD2023-37 amends the Series 2023 Electric CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received as part of the Series 2023 Revenue Bonds issuance.
- PWCORD2023-38 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 24-25 CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received as part of the Series 2023 Revenue Bonds issuance.
- PWCORD2023-39 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 26-27 CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received as part of the Series 2023 Revenue Bonds issuance.
- PWCORD2023-40 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 32-34 CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received as part of the Series 2023 Revenue Bonds issuance.
- PWCORD2023-41 amends the Big Rockfish Sanitary Sewer Outfall CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received from the Series 2023 Revenue Bonds issuance and State Revolving Loans.
- PWCORD2023-42 amends the PO Hoffer-Glenville WTP Reliability Improvements CPF. It trues up the actual proceeds received from the Series 2023 Revenue Bonds issuance and State Revolving Loans.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the attached budget CPF ordinance amendments.

- I. Approve bid recommendation to award contract for the Readvertisement of Various Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation Polymeric Epoxy with the option to renew the contract for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, to Mechanical Jobbers, Lithonia, GA, the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$674,000.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The contract will consist of rehabilitating existing concrete, brick, and block manholes in various locations across PWC's entire sewer system. Work will also include removal and replacement of rings and covers, installation of chimney seals, installation of water-tight rings and covers, cleaning and preparation of the manhole, installation of the polymeric epoxy manhole lining system, and testing of the new lining system, and all other items necessary to provide a complete project. This is an on-call construction contract with an initial contract term of one year from the Notice to Proceed.

The Funding for this project will come from PWC's Water Sewer Fund 002.0160.0435.0000000-02.800050..CPR100127.

Bids were received October 5, 2023, as follows:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Mechanical Jobbers, Lithonia, GA	\$ 674,000.00
Culy Contracting, LLC, Winchester, IN	\$ 689,850.00
Carolina Management Team, LLC, Asheville, GA	\$1,099,000.00

*Under On Call agreements for construction and repair individual, work orders are authorized and issued based on either a not-to-exceed, time and materials basis, or on a negotiated lump sum amount using unit prices bid by contractors. In this instance the total Base Bid Amounts reflect the sum of unit prices based on randomly estimated quantities. Those quantities are not exact and were used for bidding purposes only.

COMMENTS: Notice of the bid was advertised through PWC's normal channels on August 7, 2023, with an initial bid opening date of September 13, 2023. The solicitation was readvertised on September 18, 2023, due to the minimum number of bids received being below the General Statute requirement. The readvertisement bid opening date was set to Thursday, October 5, 2023. Bids were solicited from five (5) bidders. PWC received three (3) bids for this project. The three (3) bids received were then evaluated by the Water Resources Engineering and Procurement departments. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was Mechanical Jobbers, Lithonia GA. **MWDBE/Local Participation:** Mechanical Jobbers Marketing, Inc., is a North Carolina Certified Minority Owned business. They plan to use local suppliers for truck repairs and various supplies, expecting to allocate \$7,000.00 for these services.

- J. Approve bid recommendation to award contract for the Readvertisement of Various Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation (CIP) Fiberglass Reinforced Epoxy with the option to renew the contract for up to two (2) additional one-year periods, to Mechanical Jobbers, Lithonia, GA, the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$824,250.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The contract will consist of rehabilitating existing concrete, brick, and block manholes in various locations across PWC's entire sewer system. Work will also include removal and replacement of rings and covers, installation of chimney seals, installation of water-tight rings and covers, cleaning and preparation of the manhole, installation of the polymeric epoxy manhole lining system, and testing of the new lining system, and all other items necessary to

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<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Base Bid</u>
Mechanical Jobbers, Lithonia, GA	\$ 824,250.00
Culy Contracting, LLC, Winchester, IN	\$1,206,075.00

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COMMENTS: Notice of the bid was advertised through PWC's normal channels on August 7, 2023, with an initial bid opening date of September 13, 2023. The solicitation was readvertised on September 21, 2023, due to the minimum number of bids received being below the General Statute requirement. The readvertisement bid opening date was set to Thursday, October 5, 2023. Bids were solicited from five (5) bidders. PWC received two (2) bids for this project. The two (2) bids received were then evaluated by the Water Resources Engineering and Procurement departments. The lowest responsive, responsible bidder was Mechanical Jobbers, Lithonia, GA. **MWDBE/Local Participation:** Mechanical Jobbers Marketing, Inc., is a North Carolina Certified Minority Owned business. They plan to use local suppliers for truck repairs and various supplies, expecting to allocate \$7,000.00 for these services.

END OF CONSENT

III. INSURANCE OVERVIEW

Presented by: Rhonda Haskins, Chief Financial Officer
Ike Copeland, Risk Management Director

Ms. Rhonda Haskins introduced Mr. Ike Copeland, Director of Risk Management. Mr. Copeland stated he will provide an overview of PWC's Insurance Program, and Coverage, and the Annual total Premium.

Mr. Copeland stated insurance is a risk management strategy that involves transferring the financial consequences of organizational risks to an insurance company. Our program includes a combination of self-insurance and commercial insurance as part of our complete program.

Insurance Overview

- High Deductible/Retention Program
- Strong Loss Controls/Systems
- Limits set via History, Industry Trends Assessments
- Third Party Adjuster to handle claims
- Procures coverage through Brokerage Agencies

- Some Direct Procurement of Coverages
- Liability self-insured up to \$1 million limits

Coverage Overview

Auto Liability

- Liability coverage only, no comp/collision
- 284 vehicles, 105 Trailers
- Rental Car coverage included
- Composite rate \$850.00/unit
- Average monthly mileage 186,000
- \$1,000,000 limit

Directors and Officers Liability

- Coverage for Board, Officers/PWC Management
- Wrongful Acts/Employment Practices Liability
- Errors and Omissions
- EEOC claims/Wrongful Termination/Discrimination
- \$5,000,000 limits with \$200,000 deductible
- Past and Present Coverage

Excess Liability

- All Risks coverage; Catastrophic Coverage
- “Umbrella” (excess of other policies)
- Includes Pollution liability coverage
- \$1,000,000 Self Insured Retention
- \$25,000,000 Occurrence Limit
- \$50,000,000 General Aggregate Limit

Excess Workers Compensation

- Coverage for statutory benefits
- \$1,100,000 Retention
- \$5,000,000 Limit
- PWC works an avg. 100,000 hrs./monthly
- No claims filed

Property Insurance

- All hazards risk (hurricane, fire, vandalism, tornado)
- Coverage for high value items buildings/transformers
- Includes valuable docs, cleanup, rental expenses
- Coverage through “Utility Specific” carriers (UK)
- Added Terrorism Coverage (qualifying events)
- \$1 billion in property values (appraisal impacts)
- \$300,000,000 limit
- \$100,000/\$350,000 deductible

Cyber and Multimedia Liability

- Coverage for cyber breach costs, cyber liability multimedia, e-Crime, extortion
- Statute prohibits ransomware payments
- Potential property damage to system infrastructure
- \$250,000 retention each incident or event
- \$5,000,000 limit

Crime Policy

- Wire/computer fraud, “bank style” robbery, credit card forgery; employee dishonesty
- \$1,000,000 limit
- \$2,500 deductible

Inland Marine

- Coverage for construction equipment/machinery
- \$1,000 deductible; various limits

CFO Bond

- \$1,000,000 Surety Bond per NCGS

Employed Lawyers Professional Liability

- \$3,000,000 Limit
- \$10,000 Deductible
- Provides additional liability coverage for PWC In-house Attorneys

Premium Overview

Line of Coverage	Total Limits	Premium
Auto Liability	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 211,227
Excess Liability	\$ 25,000,000	\$ 563,474
Excess Workers Compensation	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 96,132
Directors and Officers	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 71,125
Crime	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 5,803
Inland Marine	Equipment Value	\$ 13,068
Property	\$300,000,000	\$1,728,895
Cyber/Multimedia	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 79,226
CFO Bond	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 3,150
Employed Lawyers Liability	\$ 3,000,000	\$ 13,142
Total Premium		\$2,785,242

Mr. Copeland responded to questions/comments from the Commissioners. Commissioner Porter thanked Mr. Copeland for the in-depth presentation.

IV. 3 MONTH FINANCIAL RECAP (JULY THRU SEPTEMBER 2023)

Presented by: Rhonda Haskins, Chief Financial Officer

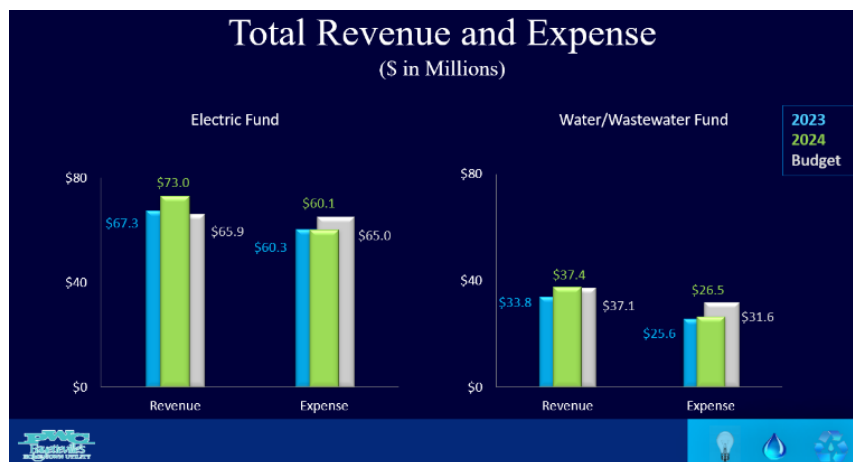
Ms. Rhonda Haskins, Chief Financial Officer stated events that shaped the 1st quarter included the following:

- Rate Modification
 - New Cost of Service Water, Wastewater, and Electric Rates, Effective May 2023
- Supply Chain Impact
 - Pricing
 - Delays on Materials
 - Bidding Environment
- DEP
 - Energy Catch Up \$2.7M
- Relief Fund Repayment (City of Fayetteville)
 - Cash impact of \$2M
- Additional \$1M Interest Earnings
 - Continued rise in rates

1st Quarter Ended September 30, 2023

Summary of Major Changes over Prior Year (\$ in Thousands)

Electric Revenue	▲	8.4%	\$ 5,672
Electric Power Supply & Maintenance	▼	5.7%	\$ 2,462
Coal Ash	▲	3.5%	\$ 65
Electric G&A Expense	▲	16.5%	\$ 812
Electric Other Operating Expense	▲	13.3%	\$ 1,371
Electric Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	▼	1.3%	\$ 41
Water Revenue	▲	4.8%	\$ 748
Wastewater Revenue	▲	11.1%	\$ 1,768
Water/Wastewater G&A Expense	▲	14.9%	\$ 722
Water/Wastewater Other Operating Expense	▲	0.8%	\$ 166
Water/WW Aid, Grants, FIF Transfers	▼	12.4%	\$ 459
Days Cash Reserve		134	
Net Bad Debt		<1.0%	



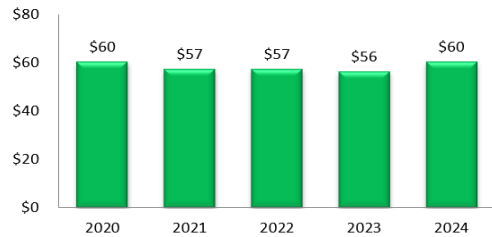
Revenue Trend by Customer Class

(\$ in Millions)



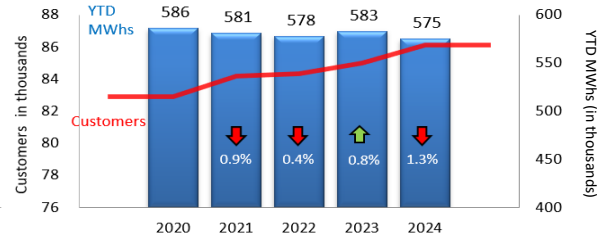
Electric Sales

Revenue
Up 7.0% from Prior Year
(\$ in Millions)



Volume Sales

Down 1.3% over Prior Year
(in Thousands)



Electric Comparison - 1st Quarter Ended September 30, 2023

(\$ in Thousands)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Electric Sales Revenue	\$ 60,244	\$ 57,306	\$ 57,069	\$ 56,210	\$ 61,355
Percent Change		-4.9%	-0.4%	-1.5%	9.2%
Other Revenue	\$ 10,852	\$ 9,289	\$ 12,065	\$ 11,069	\$ 11,596
Percent Change		-14.4%	29.9%	-8.3%	4.8%
Power Supply & Maintenance	\$ 40,424	\$ 41,409	\$ 40,797	\$ 43,138	\$ 40,676
Percent Change		2.4%	-1.5%	5.7%	-5.7%
Coal Ash	\$ 5,445	\$ 3,249	\$ 1,732	\$ 1,889	\$ 1,954
Percent Change		-46.7%	9.1%	3.4%	3.4%
G&A Expense	\$ 4,136	\$ 4,009	\$ 4,486	\$ 4,910	\$ 5,723
Percent Change		-3.1%	11.9%	9.5%	16.6%
Other Operating Expenses	\$ 8,600	\$ 8,564	\$ 10,028	\$ 10,328	\$ 11,700
Percent Change		-0.4%	17.1%	3.0%	13.3%

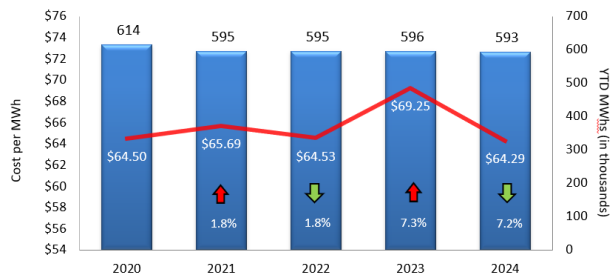
Electric – Budget-Actual-Previous – 1st Quarter FY2024

(\$ in Thousands) (Percent of Revenues)	Year to Date					
	Budget		Actual		Last Year	
Total Sales Revenue	\$ 55,075	84%	\$ 61,355	84%	\$ 56,210	84%
Total Other Revenue	\$ 10,854	16%	\$ 11,596	16%	\$ 11,069	16%
Power Supply and Maintenance	(42,822)	78%	(40,676)	66%	(43,138)	77%
Coal Ash	(1,783)	3%	(1,954)	3%	(1,889)	3%
Available Operating Revenues	\$ 21,324	32%	\$ 30,321	42%	\$ 22,252	33%
Other Operating Expenses	(20,365)	37%	(17,423)	28%	(15,239)	27%
Operating Results	\$ 959	1%	\$ 12,898	18%	\$ 7,013	10%
Aid to Construction & Grants	148	0%	12	0%	31	0%
City PILOT/Econ Dev	(3,061)	6%	(3,061)	5%	(3,102)	6%
Change in Net Position	\$ (1,954)	-3%	\$ 9,849	14%	\$ 3,942	6%

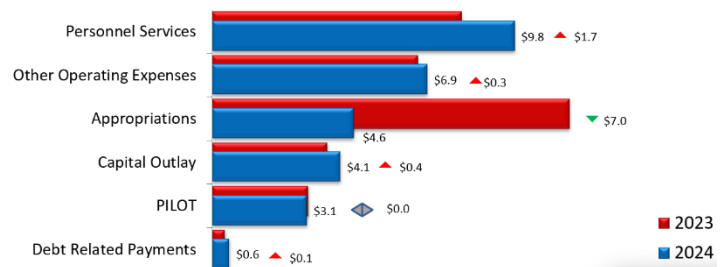
Power Supply – Budget-Actual-Previous – 1st Quarter FY2024

(\$ in Thousands) (Percent of Total Power & Maintenance)	Year to Date					
	Budget		Actual		Last Year	
Power Supply - DEP Capacity	\$ 18,006	40%	\$ 17,235	40%	\$ 18,200	40%
Power Supply - DEP Energy	15,968	36%	15,508	36%	15,960	35%
Power Supply - DEP True Up	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%
Power Supply - Regulatory Asset	-	0%	601	1%	-	0%
Power Supply - DEP Adjustment	2,788	0%	2,575	6%	4,479	0%
Power Supply - DEP SEPA	153	0%	166	0%	148	0%
Transmission	2,212	5%	2,474	6%	2,342	5%
Coal Ash (Incl. True Up & Adj.)	1,783	4%	1,954	5%	1,889	4%
Other Gen. Plant Expense	3,588	8%	2,125	5%	2,009	4%
Community Solar	18	0%	15	0%	15	0%
Total Power & Maintenance	\$ 44,516	100%	\$ 42,654	100%	\$ 45,042	100%
Lease Payments & Other Costs	(6,821)	15%	(7,200)	17%	(7,049)	16%
Total Power Cost	\$ 37,695	85%	\$ 35,454	83%	\$ 37,992	84%

Electric Purchased Power – MWhs Purchased and Cost per MWh 1st Quarter FY2024



Electric Fund The Largest Expenditure in the Electric Fund, excluding Power Supply, is Appropriations (\$ in Millions)



W/WW Comparison 1st Quarter Ended September 2023 (\$ in Thousands)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Water Sales Revenue	\$ 13,557	\$ 13,796	\$ 14,236	\$ 15,586	\$ 16,334
Percent Change		1.8%	3.2%	9.5%	4.8%
Wastewater Sales Revenue	\$ 12,992	\$ 13,842	\$ 14,534	\$ 15,980	\$ 17,748
Percent Change		6.5%	5.0%	9.9%	11.1%
Other Revenue	\$ 3,368	\$ 1,665	\$ 2,008	\$ 2,263	\$ 3,325
Percent Change		-50.6%	20.6%	12.7%	46.9%
G&A Expense	\$ 3,904	\$ 4,125	\$ 4,291	\$ 4,838	\$ 5,560
Percent Change		5.7%	4.0%	12.7%	14.9%
Other Operating Expense	\$ 17,123	\$ 17,146	\$ 17,837	\$ 20,785	\$ 20,951
Percent Change		0.1%	4.0%	16.5%	0.8%
Aid, Grants, SDF, XFRs	\$ 2,410	\$ 1,580	\$ 2,271	\$ 3,708	\$ 3,248
Percent Change		-34.4%	43.7%	63.3%	-12.4%

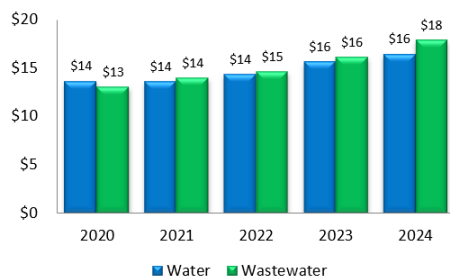
Water & Wastewater Budget-Actual-Previous 1st Quarter FY 2024

(\$ in Thousands) (Percent of Revenues)	Year to Date				
	Budget		Actual		Last Year
Total Sales Revenue	\$ 33,824	91%	\$ 34,082	91%	\$ 31,566
Total Other Revenue	3,303	9%	3,325	9%	2,263
Total Operating Expenses	31,559	85%	26,511	71%	25,623
Operating Results	\$ 5,568	15%	\$ 10,896	29%	\$ 8,206
Assessments, Aid, Grants, Transfers	912	2%	3,248	9%	3,708
Change in Net Position	\$ 6,480	17%	\$ 14,144	38%	\$ 11,914

Water/Wastewater Sales

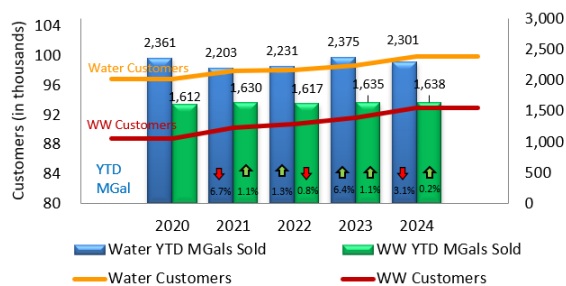
Revenue

Water Up 4.8% and WW Up 11.0% over Prior Year
(\$ in Millions)



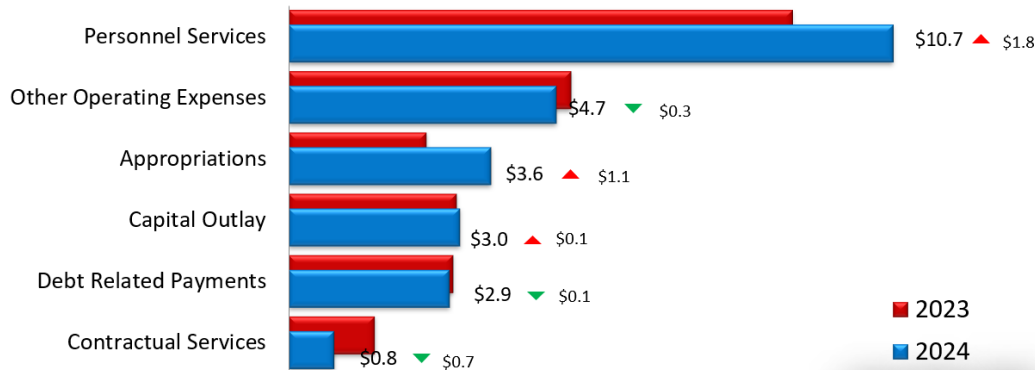
Volume Sales

Water Down 3.1% and WW Up 0.2% from Prior Year
(in Thousands)

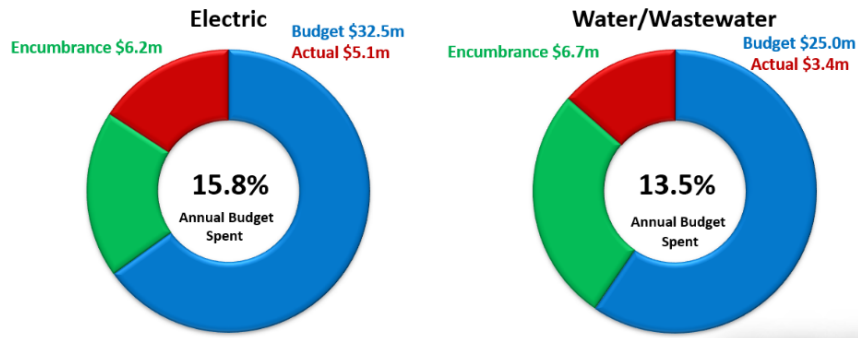


Water Fund

The Largest Expenditure in the Water Fund is Personnel Services.
(\$ in Millions)



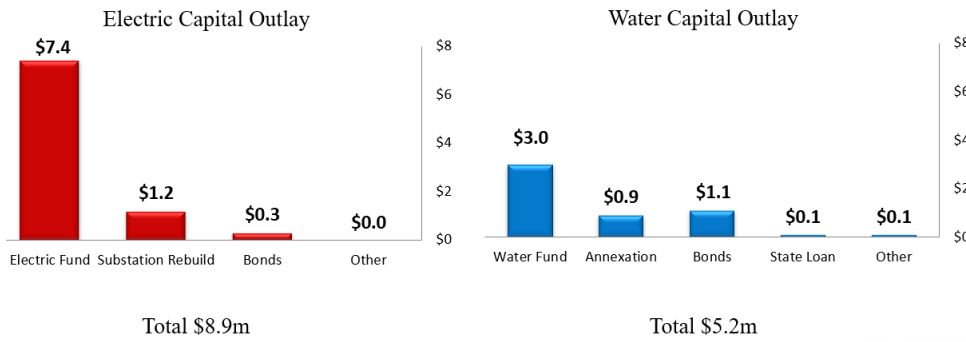
Capital Expenditures Compared to Annual Budget



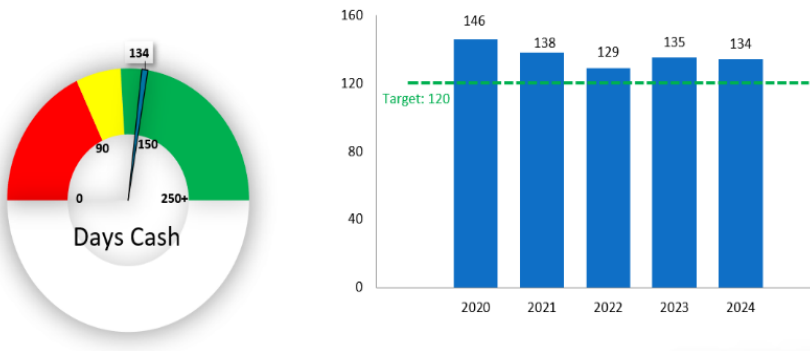
Capital Expenditures and Debt Service

(\$ in Thousands) 1st Quarter FY 2024	Year to Date		
	Budget	Actual	Last Year
Electric	\$ 6,080	\$ 3,762	\$ 3,290
Water & Wastewater	2,579	2,610	2,423
Administration Division	3,056	537	741
Customer Division	264	256	234
Finance Division	-	-	7
Total Capital Expenditures	\$ 11,979	\$ 7,165	\$ 6,695
Electric Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest and Other Finance Costs	262	264	263
Water Debt Service:			
Principal Payments	-	-	-
Interest and Other Finance Costs	3,189	2,807	2,956

Capital Outlay (\$ in Millions)

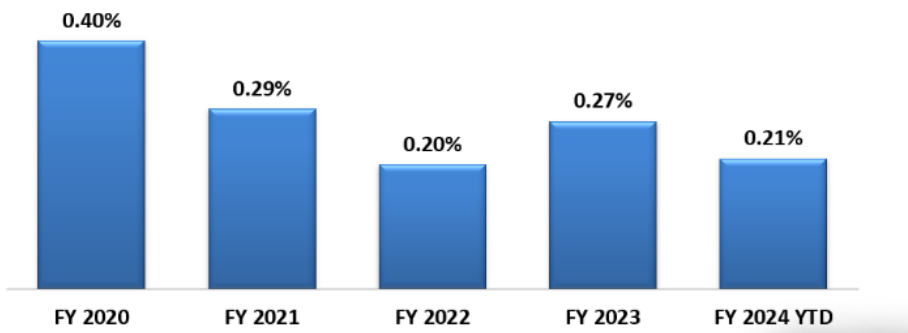


Days Cash



Bad Debt

Electric & Water Bad Debt as a Percent of Sales remains under 1%



Staff responded to questions and comments from Commissioners.

V. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Noland, Chief Operating Officer provided the General Manager Report.

He thanked the Commissioners on behalf of the staff and customers for their diligence and engagement and for being out there in the community during this year.

He wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VI. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Member Deno Hondros

Council Member Hondros thanked PWC for being good stewards on behalf of the ratepayers and citizens. He discussed the need for more collaboration between the City, County and PWC. He admonished all to build bridges and not walls and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Hope Mills Interim Town Manager Chancer McLaughlin

Mr. McLaughlin stated he was very impressed with the level of detail provided in the reports. He stated PWC operates their system. It is important that they continue this very strong relationship with PWC.

Mr. McLaughlin stated he runs their TRC Program on for the Town of Hope Mills, in terms of engineering approvals. PWC has always been a very prominent member of their organization, in ensuring that water and sewer plans being developed or brought in, they are hearing directly from PWC.

Commissioner Richard King

Commissioner King congratulated Ms. Justice-Hinson for the awards. She stated it is a collective effort.

He also commended Mr. Copeland for the Insurance presentation and asked several questions regarding leveraging reserves with the insurance. He also commended Ms. Haskins on the 1st quarter financial presentation.

Commissioner Christopher Davis

Commissioner Davis stated he is excited about the commitment to collaboration with the City, County and PWC. He is looking forward to seeing what we can do, and how we can drive economic empowerment in our area.

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated she looks back fondly at 2023. It was a significant year. We did a lot here at PWC. She thanked the staff for all the hard work during the year. She also thanked the Council, the Town of Hope Mills, and the Commissioners for all they put into the community. It is all about relationships, and it takes a lot of effort to have relationships across sometimes conflicting priorities.

She thanked all who come to the meetings and spend time with them.

Commissioner Donald Porter

Commissioner Porter stated he agrees with the need for collaboration. He has had the opportunity to meet with the County Manager. And at the end of the day collaboration benefits our customers and the citizens.

He thanked the employees, their families and those on the line for their commitment during the year. He wished all Happy Holidays.

VII. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Monthly Cash Flow Report - October 2023
- B. Recap of Uncollectible Accounts – October 2023
- C. Investment Report - October 2023
- D. Purchase Orders – October 2023
- E. Utility Payments by Payment Type – October 2023
- F. Personnel Report - November 2023
- G. Career Opportunities
- H. Financial Statement Recaps – October 2023
 - Electric Systems
 - Water and Wastewater
- I. Actions by City Council during the meeting of November 13, 2023, related to PWC:
 - Approved Bid Recommendation - 360 Capacitor Cans for East and West Racks at POD2
 - Approved Bid Recommendation - AFT Compressor Casings
 - Approved Bid Recommendation - Re-advertisement PO Hoffer Water Treatment Facility and Glenville Lake Water Treatment Facility Reliability Improvements Contract 55
 - Approved - Resolutions Directing Construction of Area 28 and Area 33 North of the Phase 5 Annexation Utility Improvement Project be Undertaken
 - Approved - Phase 5 Annexation Area 24BC - Resolution Confirming Assessment Roll and Levying Assessments
- J. Actions by City Council during the meeting of November 27, 2023, related to PWC:
 - Approved - Bid Recommendation – First and Second Stage Bucket Sets for GE 5001P Gas Turbine
 - Approved - Resolution to Accept a State Loan Offer Under the Safe Drinking Act Amendments of 1996

- VIII. There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, and unanimously approved, the Commission adjourned at 9:30 a.m.