



**RIVER FALLS UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 23, 2018  
Council Chambers, City Hall**

The regular meeting of the River Falls Utility Advisory Board was called to order by Utility Advisory Board President Adam Myszewski at 6:30 p.m.

**Utility Advisory Board Present:** Adam Myszewski, Diane Odeen, Kevin Swanson, Mark Spafford and Kellen Wells-Mangold

**Utility Advisory Board Absent:** Patrick Richter and Tim Thum

**Staff Present:** Utility Director Kevin Westhuis; Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson; City Treasurer Sue Langer; City Administrator Scot Simpson; Management Analyst Fellow Jason Rohloff and Electric Meter Technician Brian Hatch

**Council Present:** Alderperson At Large Scott Morrissette; Alderperson At Large Michael Page and Alderperson District 3 Hal Watson

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Odeen thanked RFMU for sending her to the 2018 National American Public Power Association Conference & Public Power Expo held June 15-20, 2018, in New Orleans. She gave a brief overview of the conference.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Regular Meeting Minutes: 6-18-2018

**MSC Swanson/Odeen approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Acknowledgment of the following minutes:

West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility Commission: 5-24-2018;

POWERful Choices Committee Meeting: 6-14-2018

**MSC Odeen/Swanson approve Consent Agenda. Unanimous.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution amending Chapter 2.64 of the Municipal code; Restructuring of the elected positions

Utility Director Westhuis presented a proposal to change Chapter 2.64 of the Municipal Code eliminating the UAB Secretary and recommending the position to be changed to a Vice President. Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson has been recording the minutes, the Secretary has been signing off, and the minutes are submitted to the City Clerk. In the proposed change, minutes would be recorded and submitted by a staff member and the Vice President position would lead the meeting in the absence of the UAB President. The resolution will be voted at this meeting and the position will be voted on after there is a 30-day notice.

**President Myszewski asked for any further decision; there was none. He asked for a motion to approve the resolution. MS Odeen/Swanson to move for the approval of the resolution. President Myszewski asked for a Roll Call vote. The roll call vote was 5-0 with all voting in favor of the resolution.**

**REPORTS:**

**Presentation by Technical Resources Consulting (TRC), on three options for consideration for FERC hydroelectric license application**

TRC Senior Consultant Lesley Brotkowski gave an over view of River Falls Hydroelectric Project. The City's 30-year FERC license is set to expire on August 31, 2018. On February 27, 2018, the City Council passed Resolution No. 6234 recommending removal of Powell Falls dam by 2026 and Junction Falls dam between 2035-2040. The target removal dates for Junction Falls is between 12 and 17 years following the license issuance and FERC is not able to issue a license for less than 30 years. License surrender typically is implemented shortly after FERC approval.

**In the presentation were three FERC Process Options:**

- 1) FERC License Extension Request, submit a 15-year license extension request. The extension would allow for the continued operation of Junction Falls (up to 2038), while acknowledging the ultimate decommissioning and removal of both facilities. The FERC response is that this is not a viable option since the project already received a five-year license extension, and it would be hard to justify a second extension under FERC's current policies.
- 2) License Surrender with Delayed Effective Date- submit a license surrender application with a delayed effective date for the Junction Falls facility. Outline staggered decommissioning and removal of facilities. The FERC response is that this is not a viable option due to delay between filing date of surrender application and effective date of Surrender Order and decommissioning (>10 years).
- 3) Relicensing using Integrated Licensing Process (ILP), include a discussion and supporting material for the decommissioning and removal of the Powell Falls facility and continued operation of Junction Falls. Submit a FERC surrender application for Junction Falls between 2034 and 2039, well short of an expected 30 or 40-year license term. The FERC response is that this is the only viable option to meet the target dates and intent of the City's resolution.

**Myszewski opened the public hearing for comments.**

**Public spoke at Public Hearing:**

Robert Chambers, Clifton Township, WI;  
Dave Drewiske, River Falls, WI;  
Judie Foster Babcock, River Falls, WI;  
William Hanson, River Falls, WI;  
Alison Page, River Falls, WI;  
Hal Watson, River Falls, WI;  
Michael Page, River Falls, WI;  
Kent Johnson, Hudson, WI;  
Patricia LaRue, River Falls, WI;

**Myszewski closed the public hearing and moved back into Regular Session.**

**MS Odeen/Wells-Mangold moved for the approval of Option #3 to Relicensing using Integrated Licensing Process with FERC. With the expectation that future UAB and City Count act in accordance with the February 27, 2018, Resolution No. 6234 recommending removal of Powell Falls dam by 2026 and Junction Falls dam between 2035-2040. In addition, to an update report on costs to be included in the report to City Council. Myszewski asked for a vote on the resolution. The resolution passed 4-1 with Spafford voting against.**

Finance Report

City Treasurer Sue Langer gave an overview of the finance report which was included in the packet.

Utility Dashboards

The 2018 June utility dashboards of Electric, Water, Wastewater Treatment Plan and POWERful Choices were included in the UAB packet for review.

Monthly Utility Reports

The 2018 June monthly utility reports were in the UAB packet for review.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

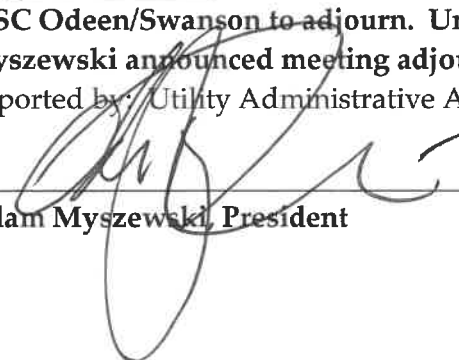
None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**MSC Odeen/Swanson to adjourn. Unanimous.**

**Myszewski announced meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.**

Reported by: Utility Administrative Assistant Lanae Nelson

  
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**Adam Myszewski, President**