

MINUTES OF UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING

December 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the New London Utility Commission was called to order at 4:00 P.M. by President Steingraber at the Utility Offices at 400 East North Water Street, New London, WI.

Members present were Steingraber, Gerhard, Rudie, Schmidt, Mc Clone, and Thompson. Also present Jim Macy – Labor Attorney with Davies/Kuelthau, Zak Bloom – Executive Director with MEUW, Paul Hanlon- City of New London Building Inspector

It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Rudie that the agenda be adopted. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gerhard and seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 2, 2014 as mailed. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by McClone that vouchers 40342 through 40397 in the amount of \$1,319,294.12 as listed be paid. Motion carried.

Zak Bloom reviewed the Utilities possible implementation of the Act 274 provisions that would affect how the Utility would handle Deferred Payment Agreements between the tenant customers and the Utility. Zak also reviewed the filing process the Utility would need to go through to put the provisions of Act 274 in place. The goal is to preserve a Municipal Utility's right to use the Tax Roll as a collection tool for delinquent residential tenant charges. This filing would be with the Wisconsin Public Service Commission.

Paul Hanlon presented the changes that would be required to the City Building Code to allow for Water Service disconnection for non-payment of Utility bills. These changes would require a new City Ordinance be adopted by the New London City council.

Jim Macy reviewed a compensation study with the commission which looked at wages, health insurance costs, percentage increases, and length of term. After discussion the commission directed the Manager to lay out an offer to the Utilities hourly employees and report back to the commission at its next meeting.

The manager reviewed the current electric and water crews activities over the past two weeks.

It was moved by McClone and seconded by Steingraber that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Diane M. Rudie, Secretary