

**Commission Members Present:** Dan Herlihey, Don Cook, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, John Butler, Randy Williams, Richard Rhoads, and Stephanie Fancher-English

**LUC Commission Members Absent:** None.

**Council Liaison Present:** Rob Molloy and Steve Olson.

**City Staff Members Present:** Andrew Fayram, Bill Crowell, Brian Gandy, Cree Goodwin, Derek Turner, Erica McDaniel, Frank Lindauer, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, John Faulkner, Kim O'Field, Michelle Erickson, Larry Howard, Lynn Valdez, Roger Berg, Steve Johnson, Tanner Randall, and Tim Bohling.

**Guest Attendance:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Gary Hausman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**Item 2.1: Approval of Minutes – Gary Hausman**

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes From October 21, 2020.

**Motion:** Dan Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Gene Packer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with a 7-0 vote. *Stephanie Fancher-English was not yet at the meeting.*

### CITIZENS REPORT

None.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Item 4.1: Financial Report Update – Jim Lees**

This item summarized the monthly and year-to date financials for October 2020.

**Recommendation:** Information Only. No Action Required.

### CONSENT AGENDA

**Item 5.1: Contract Award to Western United Electric for Distribution Transformers 2018-68 – Steve Johnson**

The purpose of this item is to award a one-year contract to Western United Electric for Distribution Transformers.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion Recommending That LUC Award The Renewal Contract For Distribution Transformers To Western United Electric In An Amount Not To Exceed \$1,200,000.00 And Authorize The City Manager To Execute The Contract On Behalf Of The City, Following Consultation With The City Attorney, And To Modify The Contract In Form Or Substance As Deemed Necessary To Protect The Interests Of The City.

**Motion:** Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** John Butler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a 7-0 Vote. *Stephanie Fancher-English was not yet at the meeting.*

### REGULAR AGENDA

**Item 6.1: Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) South Entry Gate Improvements (Change Order to Garney Construction) – Brian Gandy**

The proposed improvements to the WRF south entry gate is a change order to Garney Construction's current WRF expansion contract (Package 3). This scope of work was planned for during the WRF expansion project as a means

to increase security, aesthetics, and functionality for the WRF and the newly constructed Water Quality Laboratory. However, the Department was prudent with the construction budget to ensure that the wastewater treatment improvements were fully funded ahead of security and signage upgrades to the facility. Remaining budgeted funds from the expansion project have been identified, and the Department elected to use those funds to design and construct the south entry improvements.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion Recommending That The LUC Approve The Change Order To The Contract For Construction With Garney Construction In The Amount Of \$557,212.00 And Increase The Not-To-Exceed Amount To \$4,199,950.36 And Authorize The City Manager To Sign The Change Order On Behalf Of The City.

**Motion:** Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Packer seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a **7-1 Vote**.

#### **Item 6.2: 2020 Supplemental Budget Appropriation for the Power Utility – Jim Lees**

The purpose of this item is to ask the Loveland Utilities Commission to adopt a motion recommending that City Council approve the proposed supplemental budget appropriation to the 2020 budget for the Power Utility.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion Recommending That City Council Approve The Proposed Supplemental Budget Appropriation To The 2020 Budget For The Power Utility.

**Motion:** Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Packer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with an **8-0 Vote**.

#### **Item 6.3: 2020 United States Geological Survey - Loveland Water Quality Monitoring Joint Funding Agreement – Andrew Fayram**

The City of Loveland has partnered with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) for many years primarily by providing funding to the Big Thompson Watershed Forum (BTWF) who, in turn, contracted with USGS to collect and analyze water quality data in the Big Thompson River watershed. Continued collection of water quality data by USGS through the BTWF is unlikely beginning in 2021 due to the fact that several of the primary funders (including the City of Loveland) saw differing directions for the future of this organization.

The USGS has collected extensive water quality data from sites within the Big Thompson River Watershed for over 20 years. These data are of great use to the City of Loveland. In the interest of continuing this exceptional data collection effort and further refining the program to meet the water quality monitoring needs of the City of Loveland, approval of a joint funding agreement is necessary.

The City of Loveland has a current joint funding agreement with the USGS for operating a stream gage and a precipitation gage. The inclusion of the more intensive water quality data collection effort will result in the agreement exceeding \$100,000 and therefore requires the approval of City Council. The total amount of the agreement has been previously budgeted for and allocated; therefore, no additional funds are requested.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion Recommending The City Council Adopt A Resolution Approving The Execution Of Annual Joint Funding Agreements With The USGS For Continued Water Quality Data Collection Activities In The Big Thompson River Basin.

**Motion:** Herlihey made the motion.

**Second:** Butler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with an **8-0 Vote**.

### **COMMISSION/COUNCIL REPORTS**

#### **Item 7.1: Commission/Council Reports**

**Dan Herlihey:** None.

**Don Cook:** None.

**Gary Hausman:** None.

**Gene Packer:** **Packer** mentioned the work of the Utility Applications Team, and he would like a future presentation. **Bernsoky** said that he would coordinate with Cree **Goodwin**.

**John Butler:** None.

**Randy Williams:** None.

**Richard Rhoads:** None.

**Stephanie Fancher-English:** **Fancher-English** asked about the trends and conversations towards renewable energy, but she would like to see this type of conversation to include where all the materials come from and where the batteries will be stored and recycled. **Bernsoky** said that the PRPA Board has not gotten that far down in the discussion; however, **Bernsoky** would like to present information to PRPA about adding intermittent resources such as wind and solar. He would like to help make more emphasis on the full life cycle of materials and batteries.

**Council Report:** **Councilor Steve Olson** started with a question in regards to a news release that released from the City of Loveland that talked about monies that are available for utility assistance. **Olson** said that the House of Neighborly Services also helps assist with utility bills. **Olson** asked if we worked with the House of Neighborly Services. **Bernsoky** said that he knows that Utility Billing does track that information, but he does not see those figures regularly. **Jim Lees** also mentioned that he does not see those funds, but he knows of a few programs that we do build into our budget. He referred **Olson** to Alan Krcmarik.

**Olson** also mentioned a presentation on the Raw Water Master Plan that was given to City Council in the previous week. **Olson** said that the presentation was done well. However, when the item was presented that discussed the fees, the Council became concerned with the increase in storage fees. The fees will be paying for the Chimney Hollow cost; however, he questioned which citizens benefit from Chimney Hollow improvements. This is a big concern for the citizens and customers. **Bernsoky** said that he had some information, and he shared budget information from the Raw Water Fund.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**Item 8.1: Director's Report** – **Joe Bernosky** provided an update regarding the wildfire and source water. The City of Loveland is participating in a regional effort to understand and assess the immediate impacts from the recent fires. **Bernosky** said that Fort Collins and Greeley's water source will be more impacted as they get the water shed from the Poudre River. Staff is working on a Source Water Protection Program that is going to be part of the multi-barrier approach to taking care of drinking water. **Bernosky** said that the goal is to protect Loveland's overall water supply.

**Bernosky** also provided an update regarding the new Water Resources Manager that will begin with Water and Power in December of 2020. **Larry Howard** is retiring and moving away. He has been an outstanding asset to Loveland Water and Power. We are excited to announce that Loveland Water and Power has hired **Todd Hanlin** as the new Water Resource Manager. **Hanlin** comes with great experience.

In addition, **Bernosky** said that staff will be bringing back the Raw Water Master Plan and Fee update to City Council on November 24, 2020. An update will be provided at the following LUC meeting,

In addition, an application was submitted to the City Clerk's Office requesting to serve on the Commission. **Bernsoky** said that the LUC applicant will be interviewed on Nov 23, 2020 by LUC Chair **Gary Hausman**, City Council Liaison **Steve Olson**, and **Bernsoky**, The applicant's name is **Bill Szmyd**. An update will be provided to the LUC as soon as possible

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m. The next LUC Meeting will be December 16, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valdez

Recording Secretary

Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman