

**Commission Members Present:** Clinton O’Niell (by Zoom but did not vote on items), Dan Herlihey (Vice Chair), Don Cook, Gene Packer, John Butler, Matt Elkins (by Zoom but did not vote on items), and Randy Williams.

**LUC Commission Members Absent:** Bill Szmyd (excused), Gary Hausman (Chair) (excused), Richard Rhoads

**Council Liaison Present:** Councilor Steve Olson.

**City Staff Members Present:** Bill Crowell, Cree Goodwin, Derek Turner, Jim Lees, John Beckstrom (by Zoom), Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, Kevin Gertig. Kim O’Field (by Zoom), Laurie Cecere, Melanie Reeves, Michelle Erickson, Ryan Van Pelt, Sarah Rose, and Tanner Randall

**Guest Attendance:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dan Herlihey called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

**Item 2.1: Adoption of Minutes – Dan Herlihey**

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2021.

**Motion:** Randy Williams made the motion.

**Second:** Don Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

## CITIZENS REPORT

None.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Item 4.1: Electric Legislative Update – Laurie Cecere**

This item and Attachment A are intended to give a brief update on electric-related legislation at both the state and federal level. Loveland Water and Power works closely with Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) and its sister cities but relies primarily on the Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities (CAMU) for information on electric-related legislation.

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

**Item 4.2: Financial Report Update– Jim Lees**

This item summarizes the preliminary monthly and year-to date financials for August 18, 2021.

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

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### Item 5.1: 2022 Water and Power Utility Rates, Charges and Fees – 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 changes in the Water and Power Utility Rates, Charges and Fees for 2022.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Motion Recommending that City Council Approve the Proposed Changes in the Water and Power Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees For 2022.

**Motion:** Randy Williams made the motion.

**Second:** John Butler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

## STAFF REPORTS

### Item 6.1: CIS and Cybersecurity – Sarah Rose

An overview of the City's cybersecurity measures and how it pertains to CIS Infinity.

**Recommendation:** Staff report only. No action required.

### Item 6.2: Chimney Hollow Reservoir Construction Update – Joe Bernosky

This item provides an update on the Chimney Hollow Reservoir Construction project.

**Recommendation:** Staff report only. No action required.

## COMMISSION REPORTS

### Item 7.1: Commission/Council Reports

**Bill Szmyd:** N/A

**Clinton O'Niell:** none

**Dan Herlihey:** This week marks the eighth anniversary of the 2013 Flood. An observation that he has made in driving up the canyon to Estes Park is on how the canyon is healing with vegetation growth after the scouring from the flood and all the construction recovery efforts. It is really doing a good job of healing. **Gene Packer** inquired if the money for the forest fire mitigation efforts have been done yet. **Joe Bernosky** responded that there is one more reading to take place, but that it will be coming soon.

**Don Cook:** none

**Gary Hausman:** N/A

**Gene Packer:** Packer asked for an update on water quality in regards to algae. **Bernosky** responded it is that time of year when we deal with algae growth in Green Ridge Glade Reservoir. Staff aggressively monitors reservoir conditions and performs more sampling of the reservoir at different depths. We have done studies on the efficacy of different types of powdered activated carbon (PAC) to treat the taste and odor issues from the algae in the reservoir. We have two different types of PAC, one that is for standard water treatment and another that is more expensive that we use for more aggressive treatment. We are taking a lot more water off the river and as we increase the water from the river, we are able to reduce the amount of PAC required to treat the water. We anticipate water demand to decrease after the next few days with cooler weather coming.

**John Butler:** Butler has been following the levels of river and lakes in the area. I also watched the documentary, "Water and Power: A California Heist" and he recommended for those who have not seen it to watch it as it discusses what is happening to the water. I saw an article in the *Colorado Sun* that talked about water levels in Colorado's rivers and lakes from 10-years ago to today. Both very interesting to look at.

**Matt Elkins:** none

**Randy Williams:** Williams commented on how he received the letter about the sanitary sewer inspection by the State and that it made him feel pretty good that they did that type of an inspection and that was all that they could find. **Bernosky** expressed that he had a great deal of frustration that the State required all customers to be notified on such small matters.

**Richard Rhoads:** N/A

## COUNCIL REPORT

**Councilor Steve Olson:** Council began looking at the 2022 General Fund budget last night. There are some improvements in the visibility of the budgets with non-departmental budgets broken out, which represents about one third to one half of the funds. They are also focusing on the budgets for interdepartmental funds transfers, of which there are a considerable amount.

Many of the Council meetings have had over an hour and a half of public comment and it's been difficult to get business done. City Council has been approving a lot of annexations and developments. Growth will really be coming to Loveland and will have an impact on affordable housing, rates, and ability to provide services. The City increased FTE's by almost 100 employees in the last 4 years including employees for Pulse, a new fire station and fire trucks are now required to have 3 people per truck instead of 2. Staffing expenses represent almost half of the general fund budget and increasing staffing has an on-going cost to the City. When I first got on to City Council, I worked to create a dashboard, but staff has not had the ability to keep it up. They have purchased a software program that will give access to the dashboard information in real time to the public and will help City Council. Budget books are close to 500 pages and it is difficult for Council to dig into all the details and they have to rely on the staff to make good budgets.

**Jim Lees** inquired about when public comments will sunset at study sessions. **Olson** responded that comments for special meetings will continue, but as of last month public comments will not be had at study sessions. Please let Counselor Olson know if there's anything that we need from Council. We used to get a snapshot of the funds use and now we only get a PowerPoint presentation that is very abbreviated, it is about like running a business without financials.

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Item 8.1: Director's Report - Joe Bernosky

**Joe Bernosky**, Director of Water and Power, invited the LUC Board to attend the Loveland Water and Power Key Accounts Tours of the new Water Quality Lab on September 23, 2021. This lab integrates both water and wastewater quality control. The tours are scheduled in 1.5 hours blocks with the first tour going from 10:30 am to noon and the second tour from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Expect about 45 minutes for the actual tour and then time before and after for light refreshments and a brief presentation from the lab staff. Tours will take place in groups of no more than 15 people. There are opening in both the morning and afternoon tours. You would meet down at the Water Reclamation Facility at 920 S. Boise Avenue. To sign up, email Allison Bohling at [Allison.Bohling@cityofloveland.org](mailto:Allison.Bohling@cityofloveland.org). **Bernosky** introduced Melanie Reeves who will be taking over as the LUC secretary. **Bernosky** introduced the future Director of Water and Power, Kevin Gertig. **Gertig** was the Special Project Manager this past year on the Customer Information System (CIS), before that he spent 38 years as Fort Collins Utilities with the last six years as the Executive Director over water, wastewater, storm water, light and power. He was heavily involved in all the operations of these utilities during his career. Prior to that I started up a facility in Northglenn and prior to that I was at a facility in

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southeastern Colorado as a resident operator starting up a 5 million gallon per day (MGD) plant. He said he has mega shoes to fill. He respects Joe Bernosky deeply and has known him for many years both in professional consulting as well as his work as an outstanding editor. He said he has a lot to learn as he meets with staff and reviews the utility specifications. He was very familiar with the Service Center, having come down here for years to PRPA Board meetings and working with colleagues. He looks forward to working with and getting to know all of the staff and LUC board.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m. The next LUC Meeting will be October 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michelle Erickson  
Recording Secretary  
Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Dan Herlihey, LUC Vice Chair