

Commission Members Present: Dan Herlihey (Chair), Don Cook (Vice Chair), Gary Hausman, Gene Packer, Matt Elkins, Randy Lee Williams, Richard Bilancia, Christopher Say

LUC Commission Members Absent: Bill Szmyd, John Butler

Council Liaison Present: Steve Olson

Council Liaison Absent: Jon Mallo

City Staff Members Present: Laurie Wilson, Adam Bromley, Robert Freeman, John Faulkner, Todd Hanlin, Chad Birgenheier, Nathan Alburn, Aaron Rodriguez, Carl Woodworth, Jim Lees, Rebecca Howe, Kevin Gertig, Melanie Reeves

Guest Attendance: Roger Weideman, Masood Ahmad, Javier Camacho, Kendal Perez, Maia Jackson

CALL TO ORDER: Gary Hausman called the 'Special Meeting' of the Loveland Utilities Commission to order at 3:00 PM.

ELECT CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Item 1.1: Elect Chair and Vice Chair – Gary Hausman

Discussion and vote.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion to Nominate **Dan Herlihey** as Chair of the Loveland Utilities Commission.

Motion: Gary Hausman made the motion.

Second: Randy Williams seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously with a **7-0 vote**.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion to Nominate **Don Cook** as Vice Chair of the Loveland Utilities Commission.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion.

Second: Randy Williams seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously with a **7-0 vote**.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item 2.1: Adoption of Minutes – Dan Herlihey

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 meeting.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2023.

Motion: Gary Hausman made the motion.

Second: Don Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** unanimously with a **7-0 vote**.

CITIZENS REPORT

Item 3.1 Citizens Report

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Item 4.1: Water and Law Legislative Update – Derek Turner

This item provides a brief update on water-related legislation introduced or under discussion by the Colorado General Assembly during the legislative season, water court developments or items of interest in District 4 of Water Division 1 (The Big Thompson and Little Thompson River basins), and Colorado or Loveland-related water news.

Recommendation: Information Item Only. No Action Required.

Item 4.2: Financial Report Update – Jim Lees

This item summarizes the preliminary monthly and year-to-date financials for July 2023.

Recommendation: Information Item Only. No Action Required.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 5.1: Fort Collins-Loveland Water District Intergovernmental Agreement – Melissa Morin

This item presents the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Loveland and the Fort Collins-Loveland Water District.

Recommendation:

Adopt a motion recommending that the City Manager sign the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Loveland and the Fort Collins-Loveland Water District (FCLWD) on behalf of the City.

Motion: Gary Hausman made the motion.

Second: Randy Williams seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Item 5.2: Highway 402 Utility Service Project – Phase II Final Design Contract – John Faulkner

The Highway 402 Utility Service project was broken into three phases in the original contract for professional services. Phase I - 50% Preliminary Design which is covered under the current HDR Engineering (HDR) existing contract, Phase II - Final Design, and then Phase III - Construction which includes Services During Construction (SDC'S). The City is anticipating that we will receive the 50% design drawings the first week of September 2023, for the water, sewer, electrical, and fiber optic utilities along the HWY 402 corridor from South St. Louis to County Road 9. This request is to receive approval from LUC to amend the HDR design contract for professional services to cover the Phase II - Final Design of the Highway 402 Utility project.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion approving the change order to the contract with HDR Engineering for Phase I to include Phase II - Final Design professional services, increasing the not-to-exceed contract amount to \$1,669,420, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the change order on behalf of the City.

Motion: Gary Hausman made the motion.

Second: Matt Elkins seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** with a **6-0 vote**.

Dan Herlihey recused himself from this vote as an employee of HDR Engineering.

STAFF REPORTS

Item 6.1: Platte River Power Authority Integrated Resource Planning – Javier Camacho and Masood Ahmad

The Platte River's Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is a comprehensive, long-term strategy that efficiently meets projected energy demand through a balanced integration of supply and demand side resources. Its primary goal is to determine the optimal combination of resources for reliable, cost-effective and environmentally sustainable electricity supply to customers. Supply side resources include renewables and dispatchable sources, with considerations for availability, cost and environmental impact. Additionally, the IRP considers demand side resources and engages public input for community alignment. Regular reviews and updates adapt the plan to changing circumstances, technologies and regulations. Mandated by Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) every five years, the IRP paves the way towards a cleaner, greener and resilient energy future.

Recommendation: Staff item only. No action required.

Item 6.2: Proposed 43rd Street Water Storage Tank – John Faulkner

In order to meet future demand, diurnal demand patterns and fire flows, the City P1 Pressure Zone needs additional water storage. Therefore, the City has long planned and budgeted for a new water storage tank at the west end of 43rd Street, next to the existing tank, to be designed in 2023 and constructed in 2024.

Recommendation: Staff item only. No action required.

Item 6.3: Wastewater Master Plan Update – Chad Birgenheier

A brief update on the Wastewater Master Plan.

Recommendation: Staff item only. No action required.

COMMISSION & COUNCIL REPORTS

Item 7.1: Commission Reports

Dan Herlihey: None.

Gene Packer: None.

Bill Szmyd: N/A

Don Cook: None.

Gary Hausman: Gary Hausman mentioned his concerns with going green and worries that our standard of living will decrease due to the cost of energy increasing.

John Butler: N/A

Matt Elkins: None.

Randy Williams: None.

Richard Bilancia: None.

Christopher Say: None.

Council reports

Steve Olson: Councilor Olson appreciated the presentation that PRPA and Water and Power Staff gave to Council on the PRPA IRP and AMI update a few weeks ago. He also mentioned that Bass Pro Shop is coming into town, and everyone is excited about the project. He also gave an update on the homeless issue in the city and conveyed how complex the issue is.

Jon Mallo: N/A.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item 8.1: Director's Report – Kevin Gertig

1. Please see the 2nd quarter 2023 dashboard reports for Water, Wastewater, and Power as **Attachment A**.
2. Water Project Updates for July – see **Attachment B**.
3. Monthly Water Meter Sets (Growth Report for 2023) and Monthly Electric Meter Sets (Growth Report for 2023) – see **Attachment C**.
4. Please see the attached AMI Deployment Project Update as **Attachment D**.
5. We have a Chimney Hollow Overlook tour scheduled for the LUC on September 11, 2023. Details and instructions to register for this date have been emailed to you. *Per Northern Water, due to the high demand of this tour, individuals are limited to one visit per season.*
 - a. If you want to get to Chimney Hollow on a different date, please [visit their website](#) and **sign up to receive notifications:**

Due to high demand, individuals are limited to one tour per season (April-October).

6. Director Kevin Gertig presented at the BizWest Net Zero Cities Event on July 26, 2023. An article regarding the event can be found on the BizWest website: [Inflation Reduction Act, regional collaboration energize power projects](#)

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melanie Reeves
Recording Secretary
Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Dan Herlihey, Chair

