



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes

### Water and Light Advisory Board

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Wednesday, June 1, 2022  
8:00 AM

Regular

701 E Broadway  
Conference Room  
1A/1B

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Jensen called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

Staff: Sarah Talbert, Assistant Utility Director; David Sorrell, Utilities Director; David Storvick, Engineering Manager; Shawn Carrico, Engineering Supervisor; Todd McVicker, Utility Services Supervisor; Matt Nestor, Public Information Specialist; Ben Edes, Utility Services Supervisor; William Strawn, Water Distribution Manager; Christian Johanningmeier, Power Production Superintendent; Erin Keys, Engineering & Operations Manager; Matthew Lue, Finance Director; James McDonald, Assistant Director of Finance; Chris Kisch, Sr. Administrative Support Assistant

Public: Dick Parker, Citizen; Mike Murphy, CoMo Bus

**Present:** 5 - Jay Hasheider, Robin Wenneker, Thomas Jensen, David Switzer and Gregg Coffin

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

A round robin was done for introductions.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. David Switzer made a motion to approve the agenda was submitted with a second by Mr. Gregg Coffin. Motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 4, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as submitted on a motion by Mr. Gregg Coffin with a second by Mr. David Switzer. Motion passed unanimously.

**Attachments:** [Meeting Minutes Draft 5-4-22](#)

#### V. FINANCIAL REPORTS as available

##### a) Water Rate Presentation

Ms. Talbert noted this was being brought back from last month with the changes the Water and Light Advisory Board (WLAB) requested. She explained Finance had modified the recommendation to:

- Increased the base fee by 10 percent in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and four percent annually in the following years,

- Residential Tier 1 was increased by five percent for all years
- Commercial Tier 1 was increased by 15 percent in FY2023 and five percent in the following years
- Tier 2 was increased by 15 percent in FY2023 and five percent in the following years
- Tier 3 and Summer Irrigation was increased by 30 percent in FY2023 and five percent the following years

This outcome was similar to the City's proposal and would lead to around \$1.17 million in cash reserve in FY2024. Mr. Switzer stated the need to follow best practices adding he was in favor of this recommendation. Mr. Coffin agreed, noting the average customer would see approximately a two dollar per month increase in their bill. He added Council would want to know the financial impact on the user. Mr. Nestor advised there would be a sample bill available for that purpose. After a short discussion by the WLAB there was an endorsement of the recommendation.

**Mr. Tom Jensen made a motion to endorse the revised Water Rate recommendation presented by staff:**

- **Increased the base fee by 10 percent in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 and four percent annually in the following years,**
  - **Residential Tier 1 was increased by five percent for all years**
  - **Commercial Tier 1 was increased by 15 percent in FY2023 and five percent in the following years**
  - **Tier 2 was increased by 15 percent in FY2023 and five percent in the following years**
  - **Tier 3 and Summer Irrigation was increased by 30 percent in FY2023 and five percent the following years**
- with a second by Mr. David Switzer. Motion passed 4-1. Yay by Mr. Tom Jensen, Mr. David Switzer, Ms. Robin Wenneker, Mr. Gregg Coffin; Mr. Jay Hasheider abstained.**

**Attachments:** [Water Utilities Rate Study](#)

**b) Monthly Financial Report**

Ms. Talbert noted this was the normal reports presented. First was the Month to Date for the electric side of the utility. She noted Purchased Power was up and staff would be going to Council for re-appropriation. Ms. Talbert noted operating revenue was slightly down as well as operating expenses. Ms. Wenneker suggested the actuals and projected columns be next to each other for ease of reading. Mr. Jensen agreed. The water side of the utility was pretty consistent, nothing of significance to note. Operating Revenue was down slightly as well as operating expenses. Ms. Talbert did note there would be changes seen in salaries and wages due to the mid-year pay increases for staff. The billed water usage for year to date was up slightly from FY2021 as well as for the electric usage.

**Attachments:** [Electric Statements-April 2022](#)  
[Water Statements-April 2022](#)  
[Summary Change in Billed usage for Water and Electric](#)