

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

Commission Members Absent: None.

Council Liaison Present: Steve Olson.

City Staff Members Present: Bill Crowell, Derek Turner, Frank, Lindauer, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, Kim O'Field, Larry Howard, Lynn Valdez, Nathan Alburn, Roger Berg, Ryan Van Pelt, Tanner Randall, Tom Greene, Tracey Hewson and Travis Johnson.

Guest Attendance: Amber Koffman, Gale Bernhardt, Michael Pruznick, and Vera Pruznick.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Hausman asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Dan Herlihey made the motion.

Second: John Butler seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

CITIZENS REPORT

Michael Pruznick, a citizen from Fort Collins, joined the Commission to pass along information about solar energy and electric cars. Pruznick has a background in Mission Critical Systems and Downside Risk Management. He built a premier solar system on his home in Fort Collins around 2013. Fort Collins would not give Pruznick net metering. Pruznick had to go back to the drawing board several times. He complied when Fort Collins finally offered him time-of-day rates. He ended up with a great net positive system. Pruznick left a handout about his energy savings in regards to solar. The handout will be passed around at the March 18, 2020 LUC meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Item 4.1: Financial Report Update – Jim Lees

This item summarizes the monthly and year-to date financials for December 2019.

Recommendation: Information item only. No action required.

Item 4.2: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This item summarizes the raw water supply update.

Recommendation: Information item only. No action required.

Item 4.3: Water Legislative Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This item is intended to give a brief update on water-related legislation being contemplated by the Colorado General Assembly. Loveland Water and Power relies primarily on the Colorado Water Congress (CWC) for information on water-related legislation.

Recommendation: Information item only. No action required.

Item 4.4: Electric Legislative Update – Kim O'Field

This item is 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 item only. No action required.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 5.1: Little Thompson Water District Intergovernmental Agreement – Roger Berg

This item presents the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Loveland and the Little Thompson Water District.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion recommending that City Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Loveland and the Little Thompson Water District.

Motion: Herlihey made the motion.

Second: Gene Packer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

STAFF REPORT

Item 6.1: Chimney Hollow Reservoir Status Update and Financing Options – Joe Bernosky

This item presents a status update and financing options for Chimney Hollow Reservoir, also known as the Windy Gap Firing Project.

Recommendation: Staff recommended that the City continue to vigorously pursue its participation in the Windy Gap Firing Project and provide staff the flexibility to pursue the most attractive financing option available.

COMMISSION/COUNCIL REPORTS

Item 9: Commission/Council Reports

Dan Herlihey: Herlihey announced that he just joined the Board of Directors of the Loveland High Plains Art Council. Herlihey hopes to see everyone at the Sculpture in the Park show in second weekend of August 2020.

Don Cook: None.

Gary Hausman: None.

Gene Packer: Packer None.

John Butler: Butler questioned why LUC was not invited to attend the Colorado Water Congress this year.

Bernosky said that we dropped the ball as a result of the transition with the staff Liaison.

Larry Roos: None.

Randy Williams: None.

Sean Cronin: None.

Stephanie Fancher-English: Fancher-English said that the big pile of dirt on the corner of First Street and Wilson Avenue will be mined very soon on the City side of the line. Eventually, landscaping will be put in place. They have also leased an area to Colorado Boring. Eventually, this property could be developed into housing.

Council Report: Councilor **Olson** extended his appreciation to **Bernosky** for corresponding with a particular citizen regarding solar rates complaints. He would like to plant the seed for LUC to make a recommendation for change in this regard for the future. **Olson** requested that LUC considers what might be a good policy to have for talking to people who have an interest or opposition to the rates for solar or any other utility. **Olson** also asked the Commission to consider how the LUC could embrace the climate issues more than we have in the past. He questioned how we can get on board and embrace the topic of climate change like other communities.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item 10: Director's Report – The Loveland Utilities Commission attendance is requested at the City Council Study Session/Joint Meeting on May 26, 2020. The City Clerk's office has budgeted approximately 25 minutes or less for our Commission to meet with City Council. The Chairman will begin the presentation by giving a brief overview of the Commission and then review the survey results regarding feedback. The Chairman can use that opportunity to

represent the Commission in asking any questions of City Council. In addition, City Council may have questions for the Commission that can either be answered by the Chairman or the members present. If City staff is aware of any questions of the Commission in advance, those will be provided to the Staff Liaison, Department Director and Chairman.

Bernosky was invited by the Platte River Power Authority (PRPA) to attend the Listening Session for their Integrative Resource plan for the City of Loveland on March 11, 2020 at 6 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel. **Bernosky** invited the LUC members.

The City Water and Power Department applied for matching grant funds of up to \$50,000 from the Colorado Water Conservation Board to study the feasibility of enlarging Green Ridge Glade Reservoir. The City was awarded the grant on February 11, 2020. Preliminary estimates indicate that a spillway raise of three feet would increase the reservoir capacity by approximately 500 acre-feet. The City has requested the services of AECOM and Tom Pitts to complete the feasibility study.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at **5:32 pm**. The next LUC Meeting will be March 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Valdez
Recording Secretary
Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman