

Commission Members Present: Bill Szmyd, Don Cook, Gary Hausman (Chair), Gene Packer, John Butler, and Randy Williams.

LUC Commission Members Absent: Dan Herlihey (excused) Richard Rhoads (excused), and Stephanie Fancher-English (excused).

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

City Staff Members Present: Adrian Yebra, Derek Turner, Jim Lees, Joe Bernosky, John Beckstrom, Michelle Erickson, Nathan Alburn, Larry Howard, Laurie Cecere, Lynn Valdez, Roger Berg, Ronnie Gao, Ryan Van Pelt, Tanner Randall, Todd Hanlin, and Yarani Vazquez.

Guest Attendance: Matt Elkins.

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 May 19, 2021 meeting.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from May 19, 2021.

Motion: Bill Szmyd made the motion.

Second: Don Cook seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously with a **6-0 vote**.

CITIZENS REPORT

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Item 4.1: Financial Report Update– Jim Lees

This item summarizes the preliminary monthly and year-to date financials for May 2021.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

Item 4.2: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This item provided the water supply update.

Recommendation: Information 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 introduced or under discussion by the Colorado General Assembly. Loveland Water and Power relies primarily on the Colorado Water Congress (CWC) and the City Attorney's Office for information on water-related legislation.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

Item 4.4: 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.

CONSENT AGENDA**Item 5.1: Purchase of Land for Future Southeast Substation Site – Bill Crowell**

The Power Division was seeking consent to purchase 5.5 acres of land in order to reserve a future substation site.

Recommendation: Adopt a Motion Recommending That LUC Approve the Purchase of a 5.5 Acre Parcel Located at the Southwest Corner of East County Road 16E and South County Road 11 for \$718,740.00 to Service a Site for a Future Substation and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract on Behalf of the City, Following Consultation with The City Attorney, and To Modify the Purchase Contract in Form or Substance as Deemed Necessary to Protect the Interests of the City.

Motion: Gene Packer made the motion.

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

Item 5.2: 2021 Cured in Place Pipe – Adrian Yebra

In an effort to keep underground infrastructure in proper working condition, for the last decade, the City of Loveland has been lining sections of the existing sanitary sewer network. Some of the existing sanitary sewer lines consist of vitrified clay pipe (VCP). Even though some sections of sanitary sewer network have withstood the test of time, other sections are in dire need for repair. These sections in need of repair have been identified by the City of Loveland Operations Department and the Project Manager, hence the request for approval of this project to continue improving infrastructure. A total of 15,962 linear feet of existing 8" sanitary sewer pipe have been identified for repair.

Recommendation: Adopt a motion recommending that LUC award the contract for 2021 Cure in Place Pipe (CIPP) to Insituform Technologies, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$812,943.50 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: Packer made the motion.

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

REGULAR AGENDA**Item 6.1: 2022 Proposed Budgets for Water, Wastewater and Power – Jim Lees**

The purpose of this item is to ask the LUC to adopt a motion indicating support for the proposed 2022 Water and Power budget for City Council's consideration.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion Indicating Support for The Proposed 2022 Water and Power Budget for City Council's Consideration.

Motion: Randy Williams made the motion.

Second: John Butler seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

STAFF REPORT

Item 7.1: Update on the East Transformer Installation Project – Bill Crowell

This item provides information on recent power system improvements at the East Substation. The transformer has been delivered, assembled and tested. Installation will take place in September of 2021.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

Item 7.2: Update on the Horseshoe Substation Improvement Project – Bill Crowell

This item provides information on recent power system improvements at the Horseshoe Substation.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

Item 7.3: 2020 Water Loss Audit– Michelle Erickson

This item reviews the results of the Water Loss Audit of 2020, the progress made to improve the water tracking methods, and the actions taken or identified to better manage or reduce non-revenue water.

Recommendation: Information Only. No Action Required.

COMMISSION & COUNCIL REPORTS

Item 8.1: Commission/Council Reports

Bill Szmyd: None.

Dan Herlihey: NA

Don Cook: None.

Gary Hausman: None.

Gene Packer: None.

John Butler: None.

Randy Williams: None.

Richard Rhoads: NA

Stephanie Fancher-English: NA

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilor Olson said that Covid-19 affected the budget projections; however, the City finished off the year in pretty good shape. Certain groceries stores and restaurants in Loveland really saved the City regarding taxes. An audit report was recently presented to City Council and the City made a little money from the significant cuts that were made for 2020. In addition, the City received \$4 million from the Federal government CARES act for relief. Next, City Council approved a proclamation designating a month (September) where **Loveland Loves Our First Responders**. This includes all staff that responds to emergencies, including Water and Power. One of the ideas in doing this is to set up a website where citizens can communicate with our first responders. This will coordinate the public to get to know our

staff and provide feedback. This is also a good way to recognize the unsung heroes in our City. A long discussion took place about services available to our homeless and changes to the City in this regard.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item 9.1: Director's Report - Joe Bernosky

Joe **Bernosky**, Director of Water and Power, provided an update regarding the Chimney Hollow Reservoir project. **Bernosky** provided an update regarding the 29th Street storage tank. **Bernosky** also discussed the future of the Tri-Cities meeting. A reminder was given for the following community outreach dates;

- Loveland Water and Power will be **attending** the following upcoming events:
 - Bike-to-Work Day – June 23, 2021 – 7am-9am – LWP will be at Station #5 (Centennial Park-1st & Rec Trail)
 - Loveland Farmer's Market – June 27, 2021 – 9am-1pm – Fairgrounds Park
 - Loveland Farmer's Market – July 18, 2021 – 9am-1pm – Fairgrounds Park
- Loveland Water and Power is **leading** the following upcoming **business** event:
 - Efficiency Works Business Webinar – June 17, 2021 – 8:30am-10am – [Beyond Electricity - it pays to conserve water too!](#)
- Loveland Water and Power helped **sponsor** the following programs:
 - Bloom'N Hearts of Downtown – All Summer – The LWP sponsored planter is located right outside of the Desk Chair office at 4th and Cleveland

Loveland Youth Gardeners Garden Tour – June 19, 2021 – [Tickets and Auction Information](#)

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. The next LUC Meeting will be July 21, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Valdez

Recording Secretary

Loveland Utilities Commission /s/ Gary Hausman, LUC Chairman