

**Commission Members Present:** Clinton O'Neill, Craig Bialy, Dan Herlihey (Chairman), Don Cook (Vice Chairman), Gary Hausman, Gene Packer, Randy Lee Williams

**LUC Commission Members Absent:** Bill Szmyd, Matt Elkins

**Council Liaison Present:** Steve Olson

**Council Liaison Absent:** Andrea Samson

**City Staff Members Present:** Aaron Rodriguez, Adam Bromley, Chad Birgenheier, Cyril Vidergar, Jim Lees, John Faulkner, Kim Edwards, Melanie Reeves, Nathan Alburn, Ryan Van Pelt, Tasha Stewart, Todd Hanlin, Francisco Flores-Espino

**Guest Attendance:** Sarah Leonard, PRPA, Mark Beauchamp, Utility Financial Solutions

### CALL TO ORDER

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dan Herlihey called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2025 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from July 16, 2025.

**Motion:** Don Cook made the motion.

**Second:** Gary Hausman seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** with a **7-0 vote**.

### CITIZENS REPORT

#### Item 3.1: Citizens Report

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### Item 4.1: Water Treatment Plant Daily and Monthly Flow Report – Chad Birgenheier

This item provides an update on the Loveland Water Treatment Plant daily and monthly flows for the month of July 2025.

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

**Item 4.2: Quarterly Electric Outage and Reliability Summary – Q2 2025 – Adam Bromley**

This item details outage data and reliability metrics for our electric system based on a rolling 1-year window. The attached report is a quarterly update (Q3-2024 – Q2-2025) to our statistics that includes number of outages, outage causes and associated outage times for our most recent quarter (Q2-2025).

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

**Discussion:** Don Cook noted that we had significantly more ‘dig-in’ events in 2025 vs. 2024. Adam Bromley explained we are having issues with a contractor. Gene Packer had questions regarding a specific outage in Cherry Hills neighborhood and Adam Bromley was going to investigate the outage in question.

**Item 4.3: Utility Financial Dashboards – Aaron Rodriguez**

This agenda item shows the Utility Financial Dashboards based on Year to Date financial and operational data.

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

**Item 4.4: Financial Report Update – Jim Lees**

This item summarizes the preliminary monthly and year-to-date financials for July 2025.

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

**CONSENT AGENDA****Item 5.1: Unified Development Code (UDC) Landscaping Update to Align with Senate Bill 24-005 – Marian Duran and Nathan Alburn**

This item was presented to the Loveland Utilities Commission on July 16, 2025. However, staff inadvertently omitted taking a formal motion of support at that time. As a result, the item is being included on the August LUC agenda as a consent item. The Commission’s support—or lack thereof—will be communicated to City Council later this year.

The City of Loveland is updating the Unified Development Code (UDC) to comply with Senate Bill 24-005, effective January 1, 2026, requiring commercial, industrial, and institutional developers to adopt water-wise landscape practices. Key updates include:

- Constraining high-water use non-functional turfgrass
- Minimizing water-intensive landscaping

Adhering to Senate Bill 24-005 supports Loveland's commitment to water conservation and the protection of environmental resources, promoting sustainable development practices.

**Recommendation:** Adopt A Motion to Support the Unified Development Code (UDC) Landscaping Update to Align with Senate Bill 24-005 to Ensure Compliance and to Shape a Sustainable Future for Loveland.

**Motion:** Gary Hausman made the motion to accept the consent agenda as written.

**Second:** Craig Bialy seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** with a **7-0 vote**.

### REGULAR AGENDA

#### Item 6.1: Power Cost-of-Service Rate Study Results – Jim Lees

The purpose of this item is to get a recommendation from the LUC on proposed 2026 Power rates for all rate classes for City Council's consideration.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a motion recommending the City Council approve the proposed Power rates for 2026.

**Motion:** Don Cook made the motion.

**Second:** Gary Hausman seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** with a **7-0 vote**.

#### Discussion:

**Gene Packer** asked if fixed rates are going up relative to the 5.8%. **Mark Beauchamp** noted that fixed rates are going up by 8.5%.

**Don Cook** wanted to know if distribution cost increases were still accurate due to an increase in the cost of copper and other supplies, etc. **Mark Beauchamp** noted that those costs go into distribution costs and have a smaller impact on retail rate tracks.

**Don Cook** noted that these proposed rates feel like a moving target and **Sharon Israel** confirmed that rate tracking is a moving target and that we do the best that we can with the information we are given.

**Gene Packer** wanted to know if rate increases for the four owner-communities of Platte River Power Authority are similar. **Mark Beauchamp** confirmed that proposed rate increases for all 4 cities are very similar.

**Gary Hausman** wanted to know more about the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and what it is. **Sharon Israel** stated that this organization manages the electric grid and wholesale power market for the central United States. She suggested that we request a future presentation on the SPP and bring in someone from Platte River Power Authority's markets group to present to the LUC.

**Item 6.2: Platte River Power Authority Contracts Updates – Adam Bromley**

This item describes the purpose of the two main contracts that the City of Loveland is a party to related to Platte River Power Authority (PRPA). This item also explains the intent behind recommended updates to these documents, why we are making the changes now, and what next steps are.

**Recommendation:** Adopt a Motion Recommending the Loveland City Council approve the 2025 Revised Organic Contract and Power Supply Agreement in furtherance of the City's commitment to modernize and coordinate with Platte River Power Authority to provide local energy resources and facilities.

**Motion:** Don Cook made the motion.

**Second:** Gary Hausman seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** with a **7-0 vote**.

**STAFF REPORT****Item 7.1: Water Efficiency Program, 2024 Annual Report – Nathan Alburn**

The City of Loveland Water Division developed the most recent Water Efficiency Plan in 2020. As part of the ongoing efforts to stay on track with the goals set within that plan, the Water Resource Staff collaborated with Brendle Group (our Water Conservation Consultant) on the Water Efficiency Implementation Plan (March 2024). One of the key strategies that Staff committed to was to create annual reports on the efforts, progress, and activities of the Water Efficiency Program. The 2024 Water Efficiency Program Annual Report is the second one completed.

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

Discussion: None.

**COMMISSION & COUNCIL REPORTS****Item 8.1: Commission and Council Report – Melanie Reeves**

Discuss events that the Loveland Utility Commission Council members attended, special topics and any City Council items related to the Utility from the past month.

**Passport to Power**

Commission members **Dan Herlihey**, **Don Cook** and **Randy Williams** all participated in the Loveland Utilities Commission booth at the Passport to Power event on July 25, 2025!

**Loveland Utilities Commission – 2026 Work Plan Meeting**

Please join us on Thursday, August 21st from 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM for a meeting to draft the 2026 LUC Work Plan!

### Commission Reports:

**Dan Herlihey:** Dan noted that a few months back the city was going through a lead survey due to the age of his home. He wanted to know what the next step was for reporting back to citizens. John Faulkner reported that staff are in the midst of compiling data/results. The city will be letting citizens know if they have a lead or galvanized pipe. However, the city hasn't determined who will cover the cost of replacing those pipes. **Chad Birgenheier** directed Dan to the City website: [City of Loveland Utilities Lead Reduction Program](#). Dan is also part of the Loveland High Plains Arts Council – which puts on the Sculpture in the Park Show – and Dan wanted to give a shout-out to Pulse, who provides Wi-Fi for the show! He really appreciates the reliable service!

**Gene Packer:** Gene asked for a report/update from Chimney Hollow soon.

**Bill Szmyd:** N/A

**Don Cook:** None.

**Gary Hausman:** Gary was curious if we still own the Idlewild park and why it isn't open to the public. **Adam Bromley** reported that the city is still working with the forest service to get the park and river back to a 'natural state'. However, the forest service is still requesting monitoring before they open it for public use.

**Matt Elkins:** N/A

**Randy Williams:** Randy attended the Passport to Power event and really enjoyed the museum exhibit!

**Craig Bialy:** Craig really respects and appreciates the effort that city staff and PRPA are putting into the changing markets.

**Clinton O'Neill:** None.

### Council Reports:

**Steve Olson:** Councilor Olson gave an update on the Camping Ban ordinance that was discussed on August 5<sup>th</sup>. He also gave an update on the Budget workshop attended by City Council and staff on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Andrea Samson:** N/A

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Item 9.1: Director's Report – Sharon Israel**

1. We encourage you to view Loveland's Latest for August: Five City Updates You Need To Know! This monthly video series highlights five things happening around the city: [Loveland's Latest](#)
2. Observations from CAMU Annual Conference. Sharon noted that the pricing of energy and the future of energy generation was a hot topic.

3. Organizational updates: Deputy Director and Utility Billing Team
4. Reminder: Invitation to participate in upcoming City Council meetings to represent the Loveland Utilities Commission:
  - a. **September 16, 2025**
    - i. Water and Power - Scalable Impact Fees and Scalable Water Rights Dedication Requirements, Ordinance First Reading. Presenters - Jim Lees, Melanie Hobart, and Aaron Rodriguez
  - b. **October 7, 2025**
    - i. Water and Power - Scalable Impact Fees and Scalable Water Rights Dedication Requirements, Ordinance Second Reading. Presenters - Jim Lees, Melanie Hobart, and Aaron Rodriguez
    - ii. Finance - 2026 Budget Adoption, First Reading and Public Hearing Presented by Matt Elliott and Brian Waldes. This budget adoption will include the Power Cost-of-Service Rate Study.
  - c. **October 21, 2025**
    - i. Finance - 2026 Budget Adoption, Second Reading and Public Hearing Presented by Matt Elliott and Brian Waldes. This budget adoption will include the Power Cost-of-Service Rate Study.
5. Water Project Updates for July
6. Electric Project Updates for August
7. Water and Electric Meter Sets for July

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at **5:25 p.m.**

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

