

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

LUC Commission Members Absent: None

Council Liaison Present: Steve Olson

Council Liaison Absent: Andrea Samson

City Staff Members Present: Sharon Israel (Director of Utilities), Aaron Rodriguez, Adam Bromley, Chad Birgenheier, Jim Lees, Melanie Reeves, Todd Hanlin, Ryan Van Pelt, Tracey Hewson, Shaundra Stoever, John Faulkner, Cyril Vidergar, Francisco Flores-Espino, Melissa Morin

Guest Attendance: Melie Vincent (PRPA), Andrew Keirns, Marc Wilson, Natalie Walsh, Dennis Dinsmore, Joe O'Neil

CALL TO ORDER

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Dan Herlihey called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Item 2.1: Adoption of Minutes – Dan Herlihey

This item requested a motion to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2025 meeting.

Recommendation: Adopt A Motion to Approve of the Loveland Utilities Commission Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2025.

Motion: Don Cook made the motion.

Second: Gary Hausman seconded the motion. The minutes were **approved** with an **8-0** vote.

CITIZENS REPORT

Item 3.1: Citizens Report

Dennis Dinsmore has applied to the Loveland Utilities Commission

Marc Wilson has applied to the Loveland Utilities Commission

Natalie Walsh has applied to the Loveland Utilities Commission

Joe O'Neil has applied to the Loveland Utilities Commission

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 October 2025.

Recommendation: Information Item Only. No Action Required.

Item 4.2: Quarterly Electric Outage and Reliability Summary – Q3 2025 – Adam Bromley

This item details outage and reliability metrics for our electric system based on a rolling 1-year window. The attached report is a quarterly update (Q4-2024 – Q3-2025) to our statistics that includes number of outages, outage causes and associated outage durations for our most recent quarter (Q3-2025).

Recommendation: Information Item Only. No Action Required.

Discussion: **Don Cook** asked if the outages reported are due to planned outages from the utility or if they can be due to accidents, etc. **Adam Bromley** noted that this report includes every outage. The electric group is working on additional tracking methods to differentiate.

Item 4.3: Water Supply Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This report focuses on the City's current water supply and the status of our raw water resources for the remainder of the water year (November 1 through October 31).

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 October 2025.

Recommendation: Information Item Only. No Action Required.

Item 4.5: 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 4.6: Water Law and Legislative Update – Ryan Van Pelt

This item provides a brief update on:

(1) water-related legislation introduced or under discussion by the Colorado General Assembly during the legislative session;

(2) water court developments or items of interest in District 4 of Water Division 1 (Big Thompson and Little Thompson River basins); and

(3) Colorado or Loveland-related water news.

Recommendation: Information Item Only. No Action Required.

Item 4.7: Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Quarterly Activities Update – Q3 2025 – Adam Bromley

This report provides updates related to Distributed Energy Resources (DER) activities in the 2024 calendar year.

Recommendation: Information Item Only. No Action Required.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 5.1: Northern Colorado Alliance Statement of Principles – Todd Hanlin

A presentation regarding the NoCO Alliance and its efforts to protect Northern Colorado water resources including the development of the Statement of Principles was provided at the October LUC monthly meeting by Pat Wells from the Northern Water Conservancy District. The Alliance is looking for these principles to be formally endorsed by member organizations.

Recommendation: Adopt a Motion to Support the Proposed Water Statement of Principles for City Council's Consideration.

Motion: Don Cook made the motion.

Second: Craig Bialy seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** with an **8-0** vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 6.1: Request for Wastewater Service Outside of the Loveland City Limits Pursuant to Section 13.08.080 of the Loveland Municipal Code – Melissa Morin

The Utilities Department received a wastewater service tap application for the existing single-family residence on the property located at 5397 N Taft Avenue. The City of Loveland Current Planning staff has made the determination that the site is annexable. Therefore, the Utilities Director who is authorized to grant outside city wastewater taps per 13.08.080(B) cannot approve this tap, which leaves City Council the approval authority for the tap prior to annexation.

Recommendation: Adopt a Motion to Recommend that City Council Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Connection of Wastewater Service Outside of the Loveland City Limits Pursuant to Section 13.08.080 of the Loveland Municipal Code.

Motion: Don Cook made the motion.

Second: Gary Hausman seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** with an **8-0** vote.

STAFF REPORT

Item 7.1: Update from Platte River Power Authority on the Southwest Power Pool's Regional Transmission Organization – Adam Bromley

This presentation is a high-level overview of the Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) and how its markets and planning processes work. The focus will be on what this means for Loveland, including how it may affect rates and reliability as presented by Melie Vincent, chief power supply officer for Platte River Power Authority.

Discussion: There was extensive discussion on the topic, and the overall sentiment at the conclusion of the conversation was positive and supportive.

Recommendation: Staff item only. No action required.

Item 7.2: North Taft Avenue Water & Storm Water Improvements – John Faulkner

Construction of the North Taft Avenue Water Line Replacement project is part of a collective venture with the Loveland Storm Water Department project known as the North Taft Water and Storm Water Improvements. This item gives an overview of the project scope.

Recommendation: Staff item only. No action required.

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.

- The Loveland Utilities Commission participated in Fall Recruitment. We have 1 current opening (voting position) and 2 alternate positions (non-voting positions) available. Fall Recruitment ended on Thursday, November 13th. **We had 5 applicants!** We have been instructed to wait until the new Council has been seated and assigned to Boards and Commissions prior to conducting interviews.
- The City of Loveland has postponed the tentatively scheduled oath of office for newly elected City Council members, originally planned for Tuesday, Nov. 18, to allow time for the official certification of the election results. Additional details can be viewed from the City news release: Council meeting postponed (Post Date: 11/14/2025)

Recommendation: Melanie Reeves stated that there were limited agenda items to discuss at the upcoming December LUC meeting.

Motion: Gary Hausman moved to cancel the regularly scheduled Loveland Utilities Commission meeting on December 17, 2025, due to limited agenda items.

Second: Don Cook seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** with an **8-0** vote.

Commission Reports:

Dan Herlihey: None.

Gene Packer: None.

Bill Szmyd: Bill appreciated the presentation from Platte River Power Authority.

Don Cook: None.

Gary Hausman: Gary agreed with Bill, that prior to the presentation by PRPA he had questions about the renewables that we are moving towards, and he felt that the presentation helped to answer his questions and alleviate his concerns.

Randy Williams: None.

Craig Bialy: Craig agreed with Bill and is excited to enter the RTO.

Clinton O'Neill: None.

Council Reports:

Steve Olson: Councilor Olson stated that because the newly elected City Council members haven't taken their oath of office yet he wanted to continue to fulfill his duty as our City Council liaison. However, he noted that there haven't been any City Council meetings since October 21st.

Andrea Samson: N/A

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Item 9.1: Director's Report – Sharon Israel

1. At the October 7, 2025, City Council meeting, Councilors Samson and McFall asked for more information on the calculation of the Cash-in-Lieu-of Water Rights Fee (CIL) in response to public comments made by Ms. Gale Bernhardt. We provided a memo to Mayor Marsh and City Council in response to this request.
2. Water Project Updates for October
3. Electric Project Updates for November
4. Water and Electric Meter Sets for October
5. To ensure efficient communication and proper documentation, please direct all information requests to Melanie Reeves. She will coordinate with the appropriate staff member to address your request.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

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

