

ROCHESTER PUBLIC UTILITIES
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2012

Members Present: Mr. Williams, Mr. Reichert, *Mr. Stahl, Mr. Wojcik and Mr. Browning
Absent: None
Also Present: Mr. Adkins, City Attorney

Board President Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

1. Mr. Reichert moved to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2012 meeting, seconded by Mr. Browning.

Three voting "AYE"
One "Abstain" (Mr. Wojcik)
Motion Carried

2. Mr. Williams opened the meeting for comments from the public. No one wished to be heard.
4. The replacement of the 4th Street SE water reservoir was discussed. Mr. Wojcik asked if the project would be reviewed by the Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE). Mr. Koshire said that RPU will issue a request for proposal for the design scope, variances of the project, etc. He also said that the 2013 RPU budget includes the project.

* Mr. Stahl entered the meeting at this time.

Mr. Koshire went on to say that RPU will engage CUDE on the appearance of the reservoir. Once the project is bid, RPU will take it to the Council for approval. Mr. Wojcik asked how water conservation was considered in this project. Mr. Rovang, Senior Civil Engineer, explained that the 3.5 million gallon tower consists of the following components:

- Replacement of current Saint Marys Park reservoir: 1.5 million gallons
- Replacement of current 4th St. SE reservoir: 0.5 million gallons
- Additional water storage capacity recommended: 1.5 million gallons

Mr. Rovang said that water conservation was one of the factors used in determining the future additional water storage capacity required for the City. Mr. Koshire said that zoning variances will go through the Council and that he will work with City Administration on this matter. Mr. Koshire also thanked Mr. John Sipple, representative from CUDE and member of the Park Board who was present during the meeting, for CUDE's sponsorship of the public meetings that were held on this project.

Mr. Stahl moved to approve Alternative G, a 3.5 million gallon reservoir located at the intersection of 4th Street and 10th Avenue SW, to replace both the 4th St. SE reservoir and the 1.5 million gallon Saint Marys reservoir and to direct staff to proceed with Phase 2 of the project, seconded by Mr. Reichert.

All voting "AYE"

WHEREAS, in February, 2009, the Utility Board reviewed a 2008 study by Progressive Consulting Engineers which stated the City of Rochester municipal water system needed additional water storage in its central main level service area to meet recommended water industry standards for consumer water supply and fire protection (and also received a staff recommendation that the existing 4th Street SE reservoir constructed in 1916 had reached the end of its service life and needed to be replaced); and

WHEREAS, in January, 2011, the Utility Board designated funding for the future 4th Street Water Reservoir replacement project in the Water Utility Special Capital and Major Maintenance Reserve; and

WHEREAS, from January, 2012, to the present date, the Utility Board has considered a study by WHKS-TKDA Engineers which included various site alternatives for the replacement of the 4th Street SE Reservoir. The Board has also provided a number of opportunities for proposed project related public comment, as well as input from other City departments and other organizations including the Committee on Urban Design and Environment (CUDE), and the Rochester Downtown Alliance (RDA);

WHEREAS, the Utility Board recognizes its responsibility to assure the delivery of municipal water utility services at a level of quality and reliability that meets or exceeds water supply industry standards;

AND WHEREAS, at its October 30 meeting, the Utility Board selected by consensus Alternative G, a 3.5 million gallon reservoir located at the intersection of 4th Street and 10th Avenue SW to replace both the 4th Street SE Reservoir and the 1.5 million gallon Saint Marys Reservoir;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, to direct staff to retain an engineering consultant and proceed with Phase 2 of the 4th Street SE Reservoir Replacement Project to include design services addressing construction site needs and securing other necessary temporary and permanent property rights and zoning approvals for construction of Alternative G, a 3.5 million gallon reservoir at the existing leased 1.5 million gallon reservoir site located at the intersection of 4th Street and 10th Avenue SW.

4. Mr. Koshire said that the Board considered the 2013 electric and water utility budgets at their October meeting but took no action in order to allow public input and comments. No negative comments were received. Mr. Reichert moved to approve the budgets,

seconded by Mr. Stahl.

All voting "AYE"

BE IT RESOLVED by the Public Utility Board of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, that the Common Council of the said City is requested to approve the 2013 electric and water capital and operating budgets.

5. Other Business:


- a. The RPU crews sent to New York for power restoration will start back to Minnesota on November 14.
- b. RPU's 2002 \$11 million bonds are eligible for refinancing. Since interest rates are low, staff is reviewing a \$4 million refinancing which would result in a \$400,000 savings.
- c. There will be a special board meeting on December 11, 2012 to review and approve several CapX 2020 agreements. If other year-end utility business can also be approved at this time, the December 18 board meeting may not be needed.

6. Mr. Reichert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Stahl.

All voting "AYE"

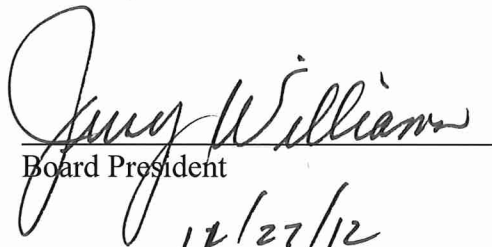
The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

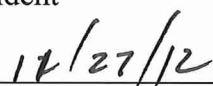


 Secretary

Approved by the Board:



 Board President



 Date