



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Bethel Municipal Center, 1 School Street
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REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, October 12, 2023
 4:30 p.m.

Meeting held in Meeting Room A and remotely via Zoom Technology

Present: First Selectman Daniel Carter, Commissioner Deno Gualtieri and Commissioner Peter Valenti Also in attendance, Public Utilities Director Thomas Villa, Utility Supervisor Kelly Curtis, Comptroller Brad Heering and Town Attorney Martin Lawlor

Absent: Selectman Bryan Terzian, and Selectman Richard Straiton

Call to Order: First Selectman Carter called the Regular Meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Input: None

Correspondence: None

Minutes:

Meeting Minutes from Regular Meeting of September 14, 2023:

Commissioner Gualtieri made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2023, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved. .

Financials:

- 1. Financial Report:** Comptroller Heering stated the revenue on the Financial Report, dated September 30, 2023, hasn't changed due to some reporting issues with the new upgraded program.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gualtieri, to approve the Financial Report, dated September 30, 2023, as presented. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

- 2. Invoices:**

Invoices for PUC Approval - Regular Meeting October 12, 2023							
#	Vendor	Inv. Date	Inv. #	Amount	% Complete	Description	Account
1	Wright-Pierce #1024	10/06/23	231344	\$2,138.11	87.19% as of 9/29/23	Water System SCADA Upgrade	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
2	Kovacs Construction	10/01/23	5	\$483,984.66	19.83% as of 10/1/23	Bergstrom Well WTP	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
3	Green Mountain Pipeline	08/31/23	3	\$125,083.89	97.43% as of 10/1/23	Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Sub Area 15 Railroad Easement	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405
4	Wright-Pierce #1024	10/10/23	231721	\$66,327.08	35.49% as of 9/29/23	Bergstrom Field Test Well Construction Administration	Water Dept. #0240235-5405
5	Weston & Sampson	10/09/23	10231024	\$8,311.25	96.86% as of 9/29/23	Professional Services Sub Area 14 - Design & Railroad Construction	Sewer Dept. #0340235-5405

6	Martin Lawlor #4077	10/01/23	23-07, 23-08, 23-09, 23-10	\$894.18		Professional Services Sewer Invoice	Sewer Dept. #0310160-5352
7	Martin Lawlor #4077	10/01/23	23-07, 23-08, 23-09, 23-10	\$1,151.50		Professional Services Water Invoice	Water Dept. #0210160-5352
TOTAL:				\$687,890.67			

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the invoices, dated October 12, 2023, in the amount of \$687,890.67, as submitted. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

New Business: None

Director’s Report: Director Villa reviewed the following with the Commission:

- Water Rate Increase – T. Villa reviewed the documents with the Commission. Comptroller Heering reviewed the excel spreadsheet documenting four options of proposed rate increases. T. Villa reviewed the proposed timeline for the increase. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Gualtieri requested a list of Capital Projects for the upcoming years.

Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gualtieri, to approve the Director’s Report. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Old Business:

1. **PUC Capital Project Status Summary:** Director Villa reported the following:
 - Bergstrom Wells: 16” water main fused. Backfilling is nearly completed. Beginning to pipe under footings.

Utility Supervisor’s Report: Utilities Supervisor Kelly reported the following:

- 43 MIU’s replaced this month.
- Performing backflow inspections and lead service pipe inspections from the mailer.
- 2 services repaired.
- Paul Street maxed out with the heavy rains.
- Beginning readings next week.

First Selectman Carter made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Valenti, to approve the Utility Supervisor’s Report. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Approved.

Adjourn: *As there was no further business on the agenda, Commissioner Valenti made a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Gualtieri, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Vote, All in Favor, Motion Unanimously Approved.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathy Galbis
Recording Secretary*