

LAS ANIMAS MUNICIPAL LIGHT & POWER

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

March 9, 2021

The Las Animas Municipal Light & Power Board met in regular session at 5:30 pm., Tuesday, March 9, 2021 in the City Council Chambers, with live streaming on Facebook. **Present** were Mayor Jim Collins, David Beebe, Jerry Maupin, and Roberto Montoya **Absent:** Bill Deal and Susan Morlan. Mayor Collins declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order. Superintendent Ron Clodfelter and Secretary, Jessica Brundage were also present. **Other Guests:** Sam Vigil, Dustin Ramsey, Rose Prichardand, and Charmaine Tripp

Citizen Participation: None

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Jim Collins proposed adding The Pledge of Allegiance to the monthly board meeting. It was unanimously agreed upon to add the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance to the agenda after Roll Call going forward. Mayor Jim Collins then asked Jessica Brundage to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Mr. Maupin made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Minutes, Vouchers, and Income Statement for February). Mr. Montoya seconded, motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: The February 2021 operations for the Las Animas Municipal Light & Power were as follows:

- The line crew disconnected Domestic Well #11 at the Fort Lyon Facility on the 2nd for their crew to upgrade the service. It was reconnected on the 5th.
- I attended the quarterly CAMU meeting via Zoom on the 5th. In the P.U.C. Docket portion of the meeting we had a good discussion on the City of Lamar's case against the Southeast Colorado Power Association. After the meeting, I did file public comments in support of Lamar with the P.U.C.
- On the evening of Sunday the 14th, Southeast Colorado Power Association experienced an outage that affected many of the rural citizens of Bent County. I was more or less the go between person for Troy and the C.O.O. For Southeast.
- With the Arctic Cold front that lingered in the area the week of the 15th we experienced a water break at the plant where the City's service line enters the plant on the 16th.
- The ARPA Operating Committee met in person her in the Council Chambers the morning of March 18th. The Demolition Committee met on the 19th. The demolition of the plant located at the corner of East Maple & North 2nd has started.
- I received a very exciting email from the American Public Power Association the morning of the 24th. I would like to have been able to go deeper into the detail of that email at this time however, the APPA has a press release embargo date of March 24th. Each of you may contact me on the 25th for the details.
- In closing I would like to share with you the system wide load comparison between February 2020 and February 2021. In 2020 the load was 1,713,103 Kwhs. The 2021 load was 1,880,692 Kwhs or approximately 9.8% more.

Old Business:

ARPA Rate Reduction: ARPA had a rate reduction for usage in January that will get passed down to the customers. The ECA charge calculated from the February 16th invoice is as follows: The ECA was reduced from \$0.09163/Kwh to \$0.08836/Kwh. Under the old rate the ECA would have been \$0.0193/Kwh with the new rate calculating to \$0.0159/Kwh. For perspective, a household using 700Kwh, would face the old calculation of \$13.51 and the new calculation of \$11.13 which equates to a savings for our customers of \$2.38 for the average household.

New Business:

Arctic Cold Front: There are 3 electric grids across the U.S.: Eastern, Western, and Texas. The Texas grid is operated by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) with most utilities buying their power on the market. Prior to the cold front the price was \$30.00/Mw which is \$.03/Kwh. On February 15th, with extreme weather conditions 30,000 Mw of wind and solar tripped offline. Demand on the market rose 10,000% to \$9,000/Mw or \$9/Kwh. Colorado is tied into the Western electric grid and is seeing a higher demand for wind and solar. In 2018, Colorado had 17 coal-buring units operating with a generating capacity of 4,412 Mw. By 2030, it is anticipated there will only be (1) 750Mw plant in operation.

Las Animas Municipal Light & Power experienced no outages during the cold snap.

Mayor Jim Collins suggested considering a Strategic Planning initiative that addresses a possible preemptive process for emergent services during inclement weather times that affect freezing pipes/water heaters which proved to be a significant emergency problem during freezing temperatures. Mr. Clodfelter indicated his support for customers that have recently inquired upon emergency generation in households. There was some discussion over the applicability and monitorization of emergency generation.

Other Business:

Apprenticeship Program: It was asked by board member, Roberto Montoya if there are any new hires being considered for the Apprenticeship program. Superintendent, Ron Clodfelter responded that the Las Animas Light & Power is not currently fielding new hire applications at this time.

Next meeting will be April 13, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers, live streaming.

Adjourn: With no further business, Mayor Collins declared the meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



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