

UTILITY COMMITTEE
February 5, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Carroll, Hegy, Kohler
ALSO PRESENT: Utility Director Rhodes

Call to Order – Chairperson Turchi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Public Comment Period – None.

Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Utility Director Rhodes mentioned the electric service interruptions and water main breaks that occurred during the past month.

Update on PSC Electric Rate Adjustment – Utility Director Rhodes provided an update on the PSC Electric Rate Adjustment. There was a public hearing on the proposed rate adjustment. There were no objections to the rate hike. A final order from the PSC is expected in mid-February, with the new rates going into effect in March for the April billing. Mr. Rhodes responded to questions from the Committee.

Repairs to High Street Water Tower – The 2018 CIP includes \$229,000 to rehabilitate the water tower at the intersection of High Street and Center Street. Bids were solicited for this project. The bids were reviewed and evaluated by Dixon Engineering and they recommend awarding this project to low bidder L.C. United Painting Co., Michigan, in the amount of \$229,000. Dixon Engineering will be inspecting the work on this project. Utility Director Rhodes responded to questions relating to this project.

MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, and seconded by Alderperson Carroll recommending to the Common Council authorizing appropriate City officials to enter into an agreement with L.C. United Painting Co., Inc., Michigan, to overcoat the exterior, repaint the interior and make all necessary repairs to the 150,000 gallon water tower located at the intersection of High Street and Center Street, for a cost not to exceed \$229,000. MOTION CARRIED.

City-Wide Energy Management Policy – WPPI Energy offers energy efficiency incentives to their member Municipalities and Utilities through a Utility and Municipal Building Incentive Program. The City has applied for and received this incentive in the past for projects such as the Jack Russell Memorial Library as well as the renovations to City Hall. To qualify for this grant, the City must pass a formal resolution to reduce energy waste among its municipal buildings. WPPI Energy representatives felt a 5% goal over the next five years would be a reasonable target. Total incentives are capped at \$10,000.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler recommending to the Common Council a Resolution implementing a City-wide Energy Management Policy. MOTION CARRIED.

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Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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