

**UTILITY COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, August 7, 2023**  
**6:00pm**

PRESENT: Members Turchi, Webb, Regan, Carroll

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes, Wastewater Director Dan Dentice, City Administrator Steve Volkert

Call to Order – Alderperson 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.

Update on Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes provided an update on the following:

1. On July 12, near the Victor Drive and Elm Street area, an outage was caused by a broken disc connect, which is also called a cut-out, on the pole at the corner of Victor Drive and Elm Street. The line crew replaced the cut-out and restored power. This outage affected about 20 customers.
2. On July 28, the entire Village of Slinger experienced an outage, along with a large portion of the city. It is believed that a lightning strike hit the Arthur Road substation, which was responsible for a majority of the outage, but there was also significant tree damage in the area of Grand Avenue and South Main Street that contributed to the outage in the city. Crews responded and had power restored in Slinger by about 12:30am. Power was restored in a portion of the city by about 3:00am, and then the remaining areas were restored by about 9:00am on Saturday morning. In the area of Grand Avenue and South Main Street, there was damage to poles along with downed wires, which took longer to repair. The crew handled everything until about 5:00am when they requested mutual aid. Cedarburg responded and assisted. This was also the first outage utilizing the new answering service, and it seemed to work well.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing a Kohler mobile diesel generator unit from Total Energy Systems for a cost not to exceed \$101,157 – Director Rhodes explained the purchase of this generator was discussed at last month's meeting and it was decided to keep this purchase on schedule for this year along with the necessary roof repair for Well #10. As a result, cash on hand will decrease and the rate of return will also decrease a bit. This new generator will replace the old method of providing emergency or back-up power to the well. The winning bid was the lowest purchase price and provided the best warranty.

MOTION by Alderperson Regan, seconded by Alderperson Webb approving the purchase of a Kohler mobile diesel generator unit from Total Energy Systems for a cost not to exceed \$101,157.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing two pad-mounted S&C switchgears from Border States Electric at a cost not to exceed \$68,290 – Director Rhodes explained supply chain issues are still occurring, and lead times are still a year or longer. This purchase is to ensure that these critical parts are included in the city's inventory.

MOTION by Alderperson Regan, seconded by Alderperson Webb approving the purchase of two pad-mounted S&C switchgears from Border States Electric at a cost not to exceed \$68,290.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion and consideration of approving the application for the sewer lateral replacement reimbursement by Elaine Gossfeld, 6967 Lark Avenue, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100; and discussion and consideration of approving

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the application for the sewer lateral replacement reimbursement by Michael Witterhold, 443 Third Street, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000 – Director Dentice explained that both applications met the requirements of the program, and recommends approval.

MOTION by Alderperson Webb, seconded by Alderperson Regan approving both applications for sewer lateral replacement reimbursement, at a cost not to exceed \$1,100 and \$3,000 respectively.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Update on sewer lateral replacement policy – Director Dentice explained the difference between the sewer lateral replacement fund policy and the sewer lateral assistance fund policy. The latter covers residences where the sanitary sewer was extended into areas that were formerly in the Town of Hartford. Both programs have been utilized by a handful of residents and the designated funds have never been depleted.

Additional Item – Director Rhodes advised that the quotes for the roof repair on Well #10 will be coming back in the next couple of weeks. In the interest of keeping that repair moving forward, he suggested bypassing the Utility Committee and taking those quotes straight to the Common Council for approval. The Committee agreed that this would be the best course of action.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Regan, seconded by Alderperson Carroll for adjournment. Alderperson Turchi adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shanna Kreilkamp, City Clerk

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