

UTILITY COMMITTEE
Monday, October 3, 2022
6:00pm

PRESENT: Members Turchi, Carroll, Hegy, Sikora

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Utilities Brian Rhodes, Sewer Utility Director Dave Piquett

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 October 1 there was an outage at the intersection of East Sumner Street and Highway K. A vehicle struck the traffic signals in the median causing damage to the traffic signal. The line crew was called in to remove the traffic signal and make the area safe.
2. On October 3 there was a service interruption on the west side of the city, including part of the industrial park. This was not an outage but there was a reclosure operation at the substation and the lights blinked. It is believed the cause of this interruption was due to wildlife.

Discussion and consideration of purchasing 11 transformers of various sizes from B & B Transformers at a cost not to exceed \$141,575 – Director Rhodes explained the transformers purchased will be used for the voltage upgrade project along Western Drive, West State Street, and Cleveland Avenue in 2024, which includes elimination of the airport substation. The purchase is being requested now so that any potential supply chain issues can be avoided and the project can be completed on time. All of the transformers are competitively bid through WPPI's joint purchasing program, and B & B Transformers was awarded the contract for 2022.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, seconded by Alderperson Hegy approving the purchase of 11 transformers of various sizes from B & B Transformers at a cost not to exceed \$141,575.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Update on mutual aid assistance following Hurricane Ian – Director Rhodes explained that two of the line crew, Ross Kirley and Brian Downer, went down to Florida to provide assistance. They were part of a larger group formed by MEUW, Municipal Electric Utilities of Wisconsin, which provided man power from 23 different public power municipalities. They were originally requested to respond to Kissimmee but were redirected to New Smyrna Beach instead. They will likely be on their way back to Hartford by this Wednesday.

Recognition of 125th anniversary of the formation of Hartford Electric as a public power utility – Director Rhodes explained the city was recognized with a plaque at the last WPPI annual meeting for being 125 years old.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Hegy, seconded by Alderperson Carroll for adjournment at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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