



## Danville Utility Commission

4:00 p.m. April 22, 2013 Meeting  
Council Conference Room, City Hall

### Minutes

**Commission Members Present:** Steve Daniels, Joe King, Jeff Liverman, Phillip Smith, Jim Turpin and Bob Vaughan

**Commission Members Absent:** Bob Schasse and Fred Shanks

**Staff Present:** Michael Adkins, Ken Ashworth, Barry Dunkley, Barbara Dameron, Carolyn Evans, Jason Grey, Arnold Hendrix, Jennifer Holley, Nate Lewis, Steve Saum, Clarke Whitfield, and Allen Wiles

**Others Present:** Doug Handley, Utility Consulting Services

### Call to Order & Announcements

Chairman Vaughan opened the meeting and asked that the attendance be recorded. As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order.

### Discussion / Business Items

Minutes of March 25, 2013 Commission Meeting: Chairman Vaughan asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes of March 25, 2013. There were none.

Mr. Turpin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Daniels seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements: Michael Adkins reviewed the February 2013 financial statements.

Mr. Adkins then addressed questions from the Commissioners.

Rate Structure Discussion: Doug Handley discussed the impact the new rates would have on average residential customers saying that they would pay approximately \$9 more in year one and \$3 more in year two.

The Commissioners questioned the loss of revenue in recent years. Jennifer Holley explained that it was partly due to the reduced meter charges that have been in place for the last years. Ms. Holley also attributed the loss to the change in fire hydrant revenue.

Mr. Handley said that the rate study did not include changes to the outdoor lighting rates and he would be bringing his suggestions on those rates to a later meeting.

Mr. Handley then addressed additional questions from the Commissioners.

Mr. Daniels moved that the Commission accept the rate study and recommend to City Council to adopt the rates contained in the report. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. A vote was cast and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Communications from City Manager**

There was none.

### **Communications from Utility Staff**

Ken Ashworth said that Danville Utilities has been earned the APPA Award of Excellence for the third consecutive year. With that award, Mr. Ashworth said, Danville now holds first place in the country.

### **Communications from the Commissioners**

Mr. Smith said he was concerned about the decline in revenue and thinks that the increase in the customer charge will help.

### **Director's Report**

Mr. Saum spoke a program run by a third party aggregator that a customer had brought to his attention. Mr. Saum said he will research the program further and report back if necessary.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Vaughan stated the next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2013. There being no further business, Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Turpin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and Chairman Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by Patti OKeefe  
Secretary to the DUC

**May 13, 2013**  
Date Approved

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Chairman  
Danville Utility Commission