



Danville Utility Commission

4:00 p.m. July 23, 2018 Meeting
Council Chambers, City Hall

Minutes

Commission Members Present: Vanessa Cain, Sheila Williamson-Branch, Fred Shanks, Helm Dobbins, Earl Reynolds, Bill Donahue, Bert Eades

Commission Members Absent: Ken Larking, Michael Nicholas

Staff Present: Ryan Dodson, Amy Chandler, Jason Grey, Janet Davis, Kelly Kinnett, Mike Spencer, Jennifer Holley, Michael Adkins, Carolyn Evans

Others Present: Jerry Shupe and Charles Overby, Inframark

Call to Order and Announcements

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

Mr. Dodson called for nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Utility Commission.

Ms. Cain nominated Mr. Donahue for Chairman. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Williamson-Branch nominated Ms. Cain for Vice Chairman. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Grey welcomed Mr. Bert Eades as new Pittsylvania County representative to the Utility Commission.

Discussion/Business Items

Minutes of May 7, 2018 Commission Meeting

Mr. Donahue asked for any corrections, deletions, or adjustments to the minutes from June 25, 2018.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Cain seconded, all members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Review of Utilities' Financial Statements

Ms. Chandler presented the utility financial statements for each utility fund and addressed questions from the commissioners.

Gamewood-nDanville Network Access Agreement

Mr. Grey presented to the Utility Commission a proposal for the extension of Gamewood's nDanville network access agreement.

Mr. Donahue asked how this agreement ties into the Governor's plan to expand coverage to the citizens in the state. Mr. Grey responded that this agreement falls in line with that plan and takes a first step to getting fiber to homes within the City.

Mr. Shanks thanked Gamewood for the services that they provide to the community.

Mr. Dobbins requested that the language regarding insurance be reworded and further explained in the agreement. Mr. Grey responded that they will look at the language with legal.

Mr. Donahue inquired as to how discrimination is determined in the agreement. Mr. Dodson responded that it follows existing Virginia law. Mr. Donahue requested that a paragraph is added to reference the Code of Virginia.

Mr. Grey recommended delaying the motion for extending the agreement until the recommended edits can be made.

Solar Behind the Meter Generation Projects

Jason Grey presented two solar proposals to the Utility Commission that could add approximately 22 megawatts (MW) of capacity to the City's system.

Mr. Eades made a motion for the Danville Utility Commission to recommend that City Council approve Danville Utilities to enter into a purchase power agreement for 10MW of local solar generation with a local one MW battery to be constructed, owned and operated by TurningPoint Energy. Mr. Dobbins seconded. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Donahue suggested that per Mr. Dobbins recommendation the Utilities Department calculate the Net Present Value (NPV) to determine which option is the most economically feasible for the second proposal from Strata Solar.

Mr. Dobbins made a motion for the Danville Utility Commission to recommend that City Council approve Danville Utilities to enter into a purchase power agreement for up to 12 MW of local solar generation to be constructed, owned and operated by Strata Solar with the staff entering into one of two options presented at the July 23, 2018 Danville Utility Commission meeting, dependent on the most favorable Net Present Value calculation. Ms. Williamson-Branch seconded. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development (Closed Session)

Ms. Cain made a motion for the Utility Commission to go into closed session to discuss the acquisition and/or disposition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely impact the bargaining position of the City as permitted by Subsection (A) (3) of Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. Mr. Eades seconded. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Cain made a motion for the Utility Commission to come out of closed session. Mr. Eades seconded. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

Department Discussions

Carolyn Evans updated the Commission on the associated fees for customers using credit cards to pay their bills.

There was no further communication from staff, commission members or the public.

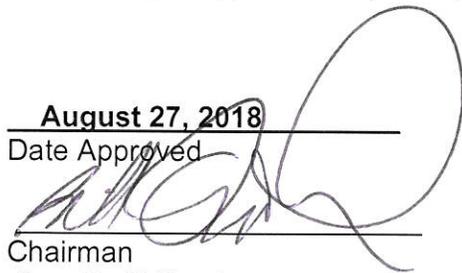
Adjournment

Mr. Donohue stated the next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2018. There being no further business, Mr. Donohue adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Janet C. Davis
Secretary to the DUC

August 27, 2018

Date Approved



Chairman
Danville Utility Commission