

Energy Commission
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 21, 2021 Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Sean Dunn, Jack Ferraro, Karen Hintz, Dave Butkus, Sheldon Scott, Tom Ragaini

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Oakes, Greg Hahn and Ray Rogozinski

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Public Participation

None

3. Approval of the regular meeting minutes – November 19, 2020 and December 17, 2020 and to take any action as necessary.

Commissioner Butkus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ferraro “to approve the minutes from November 19, 2020.” Motion approved.

Commissioner Ferraro made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hintz “to approve the minutes from December 17, 2020.” Motion approved.

4. Approval of 2021 Meeting Calendar and to take any action as necessary.

Commissioner Butkus made a motion seconded by Commissioner Ferraro “to approve the 2021 meeting calendar and place on file.” Motion approved.

5. Updates by Dave Oakes, Public Facilities & Energy Manager and to take any action as necessary.

Dave provided the Commissioner with updates:

- Working with ELC for LED conversions at various City buildings
- Working on mechanical renovations at Police Complex
- Van Zelm Engineering Study to provide pricing for various projects. Discussion held on how Van Zelm was chosen.

6. Discussion regarding the initial review of independent power company for the City and to take any action as necessary.

Councilman Hahn discussed the meeting with the Mayor regarding the initial proposal draft reviewed by the Energy Commission at the last meeting. The Mayor was impressed with the microgrid approach. Local legislation was in Bristol for a meeting and Councilman Hahn took the opportunity to discuss this topic with them, Chris Ziogas was interested and followed up. There are legislative changes that need to be made so municipalities can take advantage of certain programs. Discussion and follow up will be held on this topic in the future.

7. Energy Plan - Next Phase Evaluation and to take any action as necessary.

Chairman Dunn discussed the different directions the Commission can take with the Energy Plan as the municipal side is being addressed, institutional and residential are additional areas to focus as well as bringing the Water/Sewer Department on board.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Ferraro made a motion seconded by Commissioner Butkus "to adjourn at 8:00 p.m." Motion approved.

*Jodi A. McGrane
Recording Secretary*

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