

ELECTRIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

01/11/2023

The regular meeting of the Electric Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:58 p.m. by Chairman, Ann Bissell

Present: Committee Members Ann Bissell, Glendon Brown, John Mellinger, John Anthony

Absent: Committee Member Tim Wilson

Also Present: Electric Utility Director Gerald Pirkola, & City Council Liaison Ron Beauchamp

Approval of Minutes:

Bissell asked members if there were any corrections to be made to the minutes. None being heard, she asked for a motion to be made. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mellinger. All Ayes, minutes were approved.

Approval/Adjustments to the Agenda:

Bissell asked members if there were any adjustments to the agenda; hearing none the agenda was approved as presented.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST Declaration- None

NEW BUSINESS

#1: Election of Officers.

Discussion among members resulted in them moving forward as they had last discussed and agreed upon with 1 year term as Chairman and Vice-Chairman going in alphabetical order. Vice –Chairman Glendon Brown then agreed to take over for the one year term as Chairman. Brown then took over the Chairman position for the remainder of the meeting. The Vice-Chairman position then went

to John Mellinger who declined the position. Anthony then made a motion to give the Vice-Chairman position to Tim Wilson upon his acceptance of the position when he returns. The motion was seconded by Bissell and a roll call vote was done with all ayes. Wilson will be the Vice-Chair upon his acceptance.

#2: Update-Electric Department-General Operations.

Electric Utility Director, Gerald Pirkola provided members with a handout (Attachment NB #2-Department Update) and went over it with them. There was discussion on the following points:

- poles put up on Jenkins Drive and if there were going to be more installed. Plans at this time are to put in more and go to the bridge on Aronson Island. The council wanted more streetlights in the city and Public Safety requested more in Ludington Park.
- Pirkola reported that we are just about at 100% on all LED streetlights in the City.
- The purple lights throughout the city are being changed out as we get in the replacement fixtures. The company we purchased them from is going good for all the new replacement fixtures as it was a factory defect. We did not go after them for the labor for replacing them.
- AMI meters up and running and working great. Some being sent back to the company for a firmware update. Hoping to get the service truck involved in the installs if the Utility Office is able to handle it.
- Further discussion on the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI) included how the addition of DC Fast Chargers will increase our demand more so than our load. Bissell questioned if the NEVI program would tell an individual where the next charging station is. Pirkola pointed out that a website would provide the information.
- Member Anthony asked that with the upcoming budget sessions if Jerry could keep the EAC informed as to how or if it affects any of our projects that we have. Jerry said he would keep all informed.

#3: Update-Escanaba Solar Project Performance:

Pirkola turned over this portion of the meeting to Glendon Brown who had provided members with a handout (Attachment NB#3-Solar Project Update through 12/31/2022) and went over it with members who discussed portions of the report.

Bissell questioned whether or not the City was near the top of the amount that we could produce to not interfere with the NextEra contract. Brown pointed out that in the current contract with NextEra there is still some room for us to produce.

#4: Recommendation-Energy Optimization Program

Pirkola provided members with a handout (Attachment: NB#4-Energy Optimization Notes) and went over it with members. Included in the handout was the new forms for customers to fill out for Residential and Commercial/Industrial. Forms can be submitted in person or on line. Payments will be mailed to them from the Controller's Office.

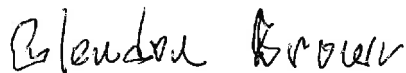
GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENT & ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

Next meeting date 04/11/2023

Meeting adjourned 5:17pm.

APPROVED:



Glendon Brown, EAC Chairman



Gerald Pirkola, Electric Utility Director