

**ELECTRIC COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
Second Floor Conference Room

**Attendance:** Chairman Tina Charron  
Committee Members: Matt Buettner, Hopkins, Kyle Buettner, and Gary Most.  
Attendees: Mayor Stan Darter, J.R. Landeck, Nathan Krebel, Joel Vogt, Jim Trantham, Jordon Riley, Sarah Craig, Sarah Deutch, and Mechelle Childers.

**Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.**

**Agenda Item 1:** Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items: None

**Agenda Item 2:** Rate Adjustment.

A memo regarding the Electric Operating Expense Adjustment was distributed for review. Per ordinance, any positive changes in operating expenses, excluding the cost of power, are to be passed through as part of the rate structure. The April 30, 2025 audit showed higher operating costs, leading to a calculated rate change of \$0.011405, which would raise the residential base rate to \$0.04576. The last operating expense rate increase was in May 2023. Based on the proposed adjustment, a residential customer averaging 520 kilowatt-hours per month would experience an increase of approximately \$5.93 per month, while a customer averaging 1,162 kilowatt-hours per month would see an increase of approximately \$13.25 per month. It was clarified that this adjustment applies only to the operating expense component and does not include any cost-of-power increases. The Aldermen expressed interest in which budget line items contributed most significantly to the increase in operating expenses. Motion made by Alderman Kyle Buettner and seconded by Alderman Most to approve the electric rate increase per ordinance as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 3:** Comments.

Alderman Vogt mentioned that under the current ordinance, operating expense increases are required to be passed through in the rate structure, and the ordinance would need to be amended in order to avoid implementing the adjustment. Mayor Darter stated that the purpose of the ordinance is to prevent the City from falling behind in recovering the costs associated with operating expenses.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Most and seconded by Alderman Matt Buettner.

Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mechelle Childers – City Clerk