

Gas Committee Meeting Minutes

December 28th, 2021

Attendees: Aldermen Notheisen, Row, Heller, Darter and Trantham. Also in attendance were Tim Birk, Mayor Smith and Shawn Kennedy. Blake Bastien of Symmetry Energy was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm by Chairman Notheisen.

There were no petitions by citizens.

The minutes from the December 13th meetings were approved by a vote of 5-0. The motion was made by Row and seconded by Heller.

Blake Bastien presented to us with two spread sheets. One spreadsheet was the 10-year history by month of Natural Gas usage by the City. The discussion centered around whether to use February 2021 gas usage during Winter Storm Uri in our future projections. The February gas usage was abnormally high due to a once in a generation winter storm. In February 2021 the City used 33% more gas than the 10-year average for February. The gas usage in February 2021 was also 36% higher than the 5-year average.

The question for the committee was whether we wanted to use the 5-year average or the 3-year average to determine the City's commitment for 2022. Also, whether we wanted the extraordinary quantities of February 2021 to influence the average or to select a specific quantity for February projection instead of an average.

Alderman Heller spoke to the issue and felt that the 3-year average was most reflective of our current needs with the exception of February. There was discussion and the committee was comfortable with that recommendation. The next question was what quantity should be recommended for February.

City Budget Officer Shawn Kennedy recommended 56,000 units and there was a consensus that 56,000 was acceptable. A motion was made by Darter and seconded by Row to approve using the 3-year average with the exception of

February and use 56,000 units instead. Heller asked that we review the situation in November to discuss quantities for 2023. Motion passed 5-0.

The second spread sheet laid out the different Contracts for Usage for Mayoral approval. Blake was to go back to his office and restructure our current contracts to reflect our new quantity recommendations for gas usage by month. Blake was asked to have the contracts ready for signature for the City Council meeting on January 3rd, 2022. The committee authorized the Mayor to sign the contracts if the contracts arrived prior to the meeting. The contracts will be on the agenda for the above meeting. Motion was made by Darter and seconded by Heller. Motion passed 5-0

Motion to adjourn was made at 3:45 by Darter and seconded by Trantham and passed 5-0.

Submitted by Steve Notheisen

