

**BOARD OF WORKS
ELECTRIC UTILITY
FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010
8:00 A.M.**

Mayor James Fleck – Present
Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle – Present
Attorney Lindsey Grossnickle – Present
Walter Crowder – Present
Roger Seymoure – Present

The Columbia City Board of Works met in regular session specifically with the Electric Utility. All members were present, Mayor Fleck presiding.

ELECTRIC CONSERVATION Larry Whetstone distributed and reviewed a packet of information from IMPA regarding electric conservation. He advised about a year ago IMPA came out with thoughts of conserving electric use. He stated they provided coupons for \$1 off compact fluorescent light bulbs that were made available to our customers. He explained the IURC has now stepped in and is making it more demanding. He stated of the 52 IMPA members there were only 10 members still with the IURC and Columbia City was one of them. He reviewed different means of electricity reduction listed by the IURC.

Larry Whetstone reported the IURC established a new Demand Side Management (DSM) program in December 2009. He advised it would implement new energy efficiency and conservation measures on a statewide basis that would be mandatory for all public and municipal utilities under the jurisdiction of the IURC. He reported the 10 members in the IURC consume 60% of the electricity sold by IMPA.

Larry Whetstone read a letter from IMPA addressed to those public and municipal electric utilities still regulated by the IURC regarding the new DSM program. He advised the IURC created a DSM Coordination Committee to implement the new statewide DSM program and IMPA was appointed by the IURC to the committee to represent its municipal members. He stated the IURC ordered that utility specified 3 year implementation plans be due by July 1, 2010. He advised if Columbia City would like IMPA to file a single DSM plan by July 1, 2010 on our behalf we were to sign the consent for IMPA's participation in Cause No. 42693. He reported most of the other 10 communities have signed the consent giving IMPA the authority to represent them. He suggested if there were any questions after reviewing the information that we have a conference call with Ms. Wheeler who is IMPA's lawyer and who has been meeting with the IURC. He recommended signing the consent to have IMPA represent Columbia City.

Mayor Fleck advised we had already been doing a lot of things for the last several years in terms of trying to become as efficient as we can and reduce power consumption where it is feasible. He suggested we probably have met the first year's standards. He felt there was a lot we could do but also felt there was a lot of merit in seeing what other communities were doing.

Larry Whetstone reported Carolyn Wright called him and advised the Energy Efficient Community Block Grant has opened up for any cities under 35,000. He advised he would be interested in applying for our street lighting, traffic lights, thermostats, lighting controls. He stated he was to get figures around to present to Ms. Wright.

Walt Crowder concurred with having a conference call or having Ms. Wheeler come in so that he could get a better understanding. Mayor Fleck felt it was something that should be done at a Council meeting because they needed to understand and be informed as well.

DEPARTMENT REPORT Larry Whetstone reported they continue with their trimming maintenance program. He advised they have the hospital in service and all deadlines were met. He reported they put in a big service at Quality Tool & Gage as well as a couple other services including a temporary service for the Trailhead project.

RADASAP, INC. – BAPTIST CHURCH Larry Whetstone reported Radasap, Inc. had gotten with Rosie and requested an extension on the leeway we had given them for transfer usage, which we had dropped down to \$24.00 per month. Rosie Coyle explained they were still in the process of construction and were not using the big transformer and wanted to extend it for a year. Larry advised if their usage would go over \$24.00 then they would be charged but the minimum was \$24.00.

Walt Crowder felt it was typical construction and did not have a problem with it. Roger Seymoure advised they would still be billed if they went over the minimum.

The Board unanimously voted to continue billing the minimum.

FINANCIAL REPORT Rosie Coyle advised there was nothing unusual with the financial report.

Having no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor James Fleck

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer Rosie Coyle