

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE UTILITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
GARDNER, KANSAS
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July 11, 2019**

The Utilities Advisory Commission of Gardner, Kansas, met in Regular Session on July 11, 2019, at City Hall. Present were Chairman Andrew Krievins, Commissioner Gary Williams, Commissioner Kristina Harrison, Commissioner Andrew Taylor, Utilities Department Director Gonzalo Garcia and Administrative Assistant Erin Groh. Commissioner Barbara Coleman was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Andrew Krievins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Standing approval of the minutes as written for the June 6, 2019, meeting of the Utility Advisory Commission.**

Motion by Commissioner Gary Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kristina Harrison, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 4-0 Aye

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. UAC New Commissioners- Rules and Procedures**

New commissioners Kristina Harrison and Andrew Taylor were in attendance for their first UAC meeting. Director Garcia gave a brief history of the Utilities Department and discussed the by-laws of the Utility Advisory Commission.

- 2. 2019 2nd Quarter Electric Outage Report**

Director Garcia presented the Electric Outage report for the 2nd Quarter of 2019. Electric staff responded to 7 outages affecting 56 customers: 3 caused by equipment failures, 2 caused by animals, 1 caused by storms and 1 caused by damage by others. The average workday response time was 8 minutes and the average workday length of outage was 45 minutes. The average after-hours response time was 41 minutes and the average after-hours length of outage was 2 hours and 27 minutes. The overall average response time was 55 minutes and the overall average length of outage was 1 hour and 29 minutes.

- 3. 2019 2nd Quarter Wastewater Collection Repairs Report**

Director Garcia presented the Wastewater Collection report for the 2nd Quarter of 2019. Line maintenance staff completed 5 sanitary sewer line repairs affecting 2 customers: 3 due to damage by others and 2 due to other causes. The average workday response time was 5 minutes and the average workday repair time was 4 hours and 39 minutes. The average after-hours response time was 16 minutes and the average after-hours repair time was 1 hour and 10 minutes. The overall average response time was 9 minutes and the overall average repair time was 3 hours and 15 minutes.

4. 2019 2nd Quarter Water Distribution Repairs Report.

Director Garcia presented the Water Distribution Repairs Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2019. Line maintenance staff completed 22 water distribution service repairs affecting 117 customers: 5 due to hardware failures, 10 due to main line failures, 3 due to service line failures, 1 hydrant repair and 3 due to damage by others. The average workday response time 39 minutes and the average workday repair time was 6 hours and 16 minutes. The average after-hours response time was 17 minutes and the average after-hours repair time was 3 hours and 33 minutes. The overall average response time was 30 minutes and the overall average repair time was 5 hours and 18 minutes.

5. Project Updates- Electric, Wastewater and Water.

Director Garcia gave the Electric Distribution project updates:

- Crews continued the new construction of the 3-phase overhead line that will serve the new Olathe Health Urgent Care.
- On Grand Street a semi truck got caught on a set of aerial TV lines and phone lines and drove down the street, taking down three poles and lines attached to them. Crews restored the poles as well as repaired electrical lines.

Director Garcia gave the Wastewater Treatment project updates:

- South Lift Station- Construction is progressing on site with tank construction, generator installation, electrical controls, yard piping and site grading.
- Kill Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant- Staff tested a new crane, which allows them to pull up the pump and grinder in order to service it.

Director Garcia gave the Water Treatment facility project updates:

- Hillsdale Water Treatment Plant Expansion
- On April 1, 2019, City Council awarded a contract to the Joint Venture Burns & McDonnell-CAS Construction for the engineering design of a 2 MGD water treatment expansion.
- City staff have met on numerous occasions with Burns & McDonnell-CAS Construction to discuss design and equipment options. Final cost for the expansion is due by the end of July.
- One major challenge is the construction of a new raw water line from Hillsdale Lake to the existing WTP due to not having recorded easements on existing raw water line.
- The current plan is to have an additional 1 MGD by Summer 2020 and total expansion completion by Spring 2021.

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Harrison, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Motion carried 4-0 Aye

/s/ _____ Erin Groh _____
Utilities Department Administrative Assistant