

MINUTES
UTILITIES COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 16, 2001

Mayor Margo G. Bailey called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Councilmembers W. Whaland Clark, Mabel Mumford-Pautz and J. Brian Kirby, Medford Capel, Utilities Commission Manager, W. S. Ingersoll, Town Manager, Joan Merryman, Stenographer, and guests.

Mayor Bailey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Mr. Clark moved that the minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2001 be accepted as presented, was seconded by Mrs. Mumford-Pautz and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bailey stated the Utilities Commission has cash on hand and in banks of \$524,740.75.

Mayor Bailey stated that the bids were opened at noon on April 12, 2001 for the diesel fueled generator. She read the minutes from the bid opening. There were three bids; the first from Curtis Engine Equipment for \$20,200; the second bid was from Alban Engine Power Systems for \$18,610; and the third from Cummins Power Systems for \$19,800. Mayor Bailey asked Mr. Capel if he had reviewed the bids and would make a recommendation.

Mr. Capel said that the Cummins bid (on an Onan generator) had two alternate deducts. He said the alternates on the equipment can be used as one was a difference between a 150 gallon fuel tank and a 145 with a deduct of \$450. The other alternate was for a 115 A ATS w/ 30,000 WCR switch rather than ATS w/ 65,000 WCR switch with a deduct of \$590.00 for a total bid price of \$18,760. Mr. Capel stated he had problems with the Alban generator at the lagoon and when he called for service he did not hear from them for two weeks. He said he called again and they supposedly fixed the low oil pressure control and their service man could not get it to work at the 32 lb. oil pressure. He said the service man called his boss and the factory and still could not get it to work. He said he was still calling them for service. Mr. Capel stated that Cummins has given excellent service on the generator we have on Rt. 291 and their Onan generator operates on propane gas. He said he would like to purchase the Onan generator from Cummins for \$150 more than the low bidder because of the availability of service.

Mr. Capel stated that EPA has come out with a rule called Sanitary Sewer Overflows which means that if an overflow occurs you must notify the Health Department, the EPA and the public. He said we really need a second generator of the same type.

Mayor Bailey asked Mr. Ingersoll whether the second bid with the alternates could be accepted legally. Mr. Ingersoll said we will have to check this with the Town Attorney. He said we should take the low bid unless there was a reason for rejecting a bid. Mr. Capel said he wanted to reject the Alban bid because of the problems with service on equipment we already have. He said the Council could move to accept the Cummins bid with the approval of the Town Attorney. Mrs. Mumford-Pautz moved that the bid be awarded to Cummins with the alternate deducts for \$18,760 if approved by the Town Attorney, and if not award

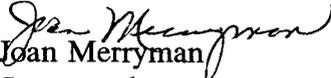
the bid to Alban, was seconded by Mr. Clark and carried unanimously.

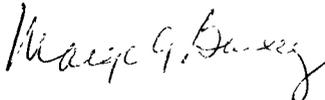
Mayor Bailey asked Mr. Capel if the second generator was needed now or to be budgeted next year. Mr. Capel said it would depend on what the Council wants to do but it would probably be into the next budget year before we could get a second generator. Mr. Ingersoll said the first generator was to be purchased in lieu of painting the water tower. He said he would review this year's budget to see if there were adequate funds for two generators. Mr. Capel said the cost of the generator did not include the concrete foundation for the generator and the installation costs.

Mr. Capel had no further comments. Mayor Bailey asked the council to review the bills. Mr. Clark moved that the bills be paid as presented, was seconded by Mr. Kirby and carried unanimously.

Mr. Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m., was seconded by Mr. Kirby and carried unanimously.

Submitted by:


Joan Merryman
Stenographer

Approved by: 

Margo G. Bailey
Mayor