

# City of Naperville

*400 S. Eagle Street  
Naperville, IL 60540*



## Naperville

### **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

**5:00 PM**

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**Public Utilities Advisory Board**

**A. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Bulley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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**B. ROLL CALL:**

**Councilman Nathan Wilson, Philip Schrieber, Chairman Daniel Bulley, Louis Halkias, Brandon Hoeft, Michelle Ackmann, Rahul Patel, Sahil Bari, DPUE Director Brian Groth and DPUW Director Darrell Blenniss**

**Present** 6 - Michelle Ackmann, Daniel Bulley, Louis Halkias, Brandon Hoeft, Dan Knotter, and Philip Schrieber

**Absent** 2 - Abbas Bhikapurawala, and Russell Paluch

Also Present:

**C. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Environment Coal Concern

Nicholas Mitchell, (NEST), Discussed Issues with coal

Al Karvelis, (NEST), Discussed carbon capture

Grant Levitan (NEST), Discussed competitive bidding process

Cathy Clarkin (NEST), Public meeting on March 18, 2024 at North Central College

**Nicholas Mitchell-Nest Group: Briefly review Naperville's power generation situation discussing Naperville's power today. (2:09 min.)**

**Albert Karvelis-NEST Group: Carbon capture or coal fired power plants.(3:12 min.)**

**Grant Levitan-NEST Group: Energy contract. Opposed of Sole Source contract.(3:56 min.)**

**Cathy Clarkin-Co-Chairwoman NEST Group: Public involvement in the bidding process and holding public hearings where NEST can help. Generate awareness of special event NEST is holding called Naperville's Coal Problem: Seize the Clean Energy Future. (3:20 min.)**

**Conclude Public Forum.:Ackmann made a motion, seconded by Hoeft Motion was passed by voice vote.**

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Receive PUAB Meeting Minutes 25-May-23

**Attachments:** [PUAB Meeting Minutes 25-May-23](#)

Ackmann made a motion, seconded by Hoeft to approve the PUAB meeting minutes of May 25, 2024. Motion was passed by voice vote.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Receive the presentation on the 2024 Water Rate Study and reach consensus on a recommendation to City Council

**Attachments:** [DPU-Water General Information Sheet 2024 Presentation](#)  
[Legistar Memo - Rate Study Background](#)

Presentation by Darrell Blenniss-Director of DPUW. Challenges operating the utility and talk about framework, capital investments to take on those challenges. Major bid and its support functions, recent operation trends in the utility, compliance mandate and suggested capital approaches, rate study (3 year opportunity) to align our revenues.

**F. REPORTS:**

1. Receive PUAB Water 2023 Year End Water Supply Report

**Attachments:** [WaterSupplyReports2023 \(1\)](#)  
[Water Consumption 2023 PDF](#)

2. Receive the PUAB Springbrook Water Reclamation Center Plant Flows Report

**Attachments:** [2023 PLANT FLOW AND PRECIPITATION](#)  
[Springbrook Effluent PDF](#)

3. Receive PUAB Water 2023 Year End CIP Report

**DEPARTMENT:** Water Utilities

**SUBMITTED BY:** Doug Splitt

**Attachments:** [Water CIP Report](#)

- Re4. Receive the 2023 Year End Financial Summary

**DEPARTMENT:** Water Utilities

**SUBMITTED BY:** Doug Splitt

**Attachments:** [Department Financial Summary](#)

Recommendation supporting staff's service level recommendations and

associated priorities to inform the 2025-2027 Rate Study.

Motion to approve by Halkias, seconded by Ackmann. Motion passes by voice vote.

5. Receive the Electric Utilities Preliminary 2023 Financial Summary

**Attachments:** [The Electric Utilities Preliminary 2023 Financial Summary](#)

**Presentation by Brian Groth, Director of DPUE**

Year end financial summary revenues are lower than budgeted (1,353 kWh) due customers' lower consumption, City and IMEA sponsored Energy Efficiency programs and Solar Installations. Expenses are higher in general due to material costs for non-reimbursable projects. Power costs in the industry generally fluctuate and the way we feel the utility and the city prognoses fluctuations in power costs in purchase power adjustments (PPA) which is a small fraction of a penny. It's been plus or minus half a penny over the past year. We collect depending on the power costs from IMEA. So, one month if we have a plant outage the cost will go higher because they will have to purchase on the market. If plants are operating well, as they have been for the past year, then power costs are lower. That PPA base rate is set by the rate consultant based on the 5 years or 3 year projection cost by IMEA. It's a way of making sure that the electric utility capital and maintenance projects don't have to suffer when power costs go high. But on the downside, we could certainly use the cash when power costs are below budget.

6. Receive the Electric Utilities Preliminary 2023 Financial Details

**Attachments:** [The Electric Utilities Preliminary 2023 Financial Details](#)

7. Receive the Electric Utilities 2023 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

**Attachments:** [Electric Utilities 2023 Capital Improvement Program \(CIP\)](#)

8. Receive the Electric Utilities SAIDI 2023 Report

**Attachments:** [The Electric Utilities SAIDI 2023 Report](#)

9. Receive EE & RE Dashboard-12-31-23

**Attachments:** [EE & RE Dashboard-12-31-23](#)

Motion to approve Electric Utilities report by Ackmann, seconded by Schrieber  
Motion was passed by voice vote

## G. ADJOURNMENT:

Schrieber made a motion, seconded by Ackmann to adjourn the regular PUAB meeting of February 28, 2024 at 8:00 p.m. Motion was passed by voice vote.

/S/ Lynda Kuhrt

Lynda Kuhrt  
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