



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Council Session

Item G-6

#2018-139 - Approving Appointment of Alternate Representative to Nebraska Municipal Power Pool Members Council

Staff Contact: Tim Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Council Agenda Memo

From: Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Meeting: May 22, 2018

Subject: Approving the Appointment of Alternate Representative to the Nebraska Municipal Power Pools Members Council

Presenter(s): Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

Background

Grand Island has been a member of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) since it was formed in 1975. The primary goal of the organization was to develop means by which the state's municipal electric utilities could cooperate in developing electric power supply.

That organization has since grown to include municipal electric utilities not only in Nebraska but also from Colorado, Wyoming and Iowa, and has also expanded its scope of services to include wholesale power supply, transmissions services, power marketing, natural gas supply, load aggregation and bulk purchasing, computer programming services and other services specifically designed to serve municipal utilities. Grand Island was a charter member of NMPP and has had a representative on the Board of Directors since the organization's creation. I have served as the City of Grand Island representative since my appointment was approved by Council on April 12, 2011.

Discussion

NMPP is requesting that Grand Island formally appoint an alternate to represent Grand Island at their annual meetings in the event that I am unable to attend. It is recommended that Assistant Utilities Director – Transmission and Distribution, Travis Burdett, be designated as the alternate representative to the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool. Other than myself, Mr. Burdett is the longest serving senior manager in the Utilities Department. Additionally, NMPP was created primarily to deal with issues related to power supply, and while the organization has diversified into other areas, power supply and transmission service are still the core businesses. Mr. Burdett also serves as the alternate delegate for Grand Island for the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN), which is one of the major service companies organized under the original mission of NMPP, and has served as Grand Island's alternate member on the Board of

Public Power Generating Agency (PPGA), which is the owner of the Whelan Energy Center Unit 2 in Hastings.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that Council approve Assistant Utilities Director – Transmission and Distribution, Travis Burdett, as the designated alternate representative to the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

Sample Motion

Move to approve Assistant Utilities Director – Transmission and Distribution, Travis Burdett, as the designated alternate representative to the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

RESOLUTION 2018-139

WHEREAS, Grand Island has been a member of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) since it was formed in 1975 and the primary goal of the organization is to cooperate with the state's other municipal electric utilities in developing electric power supply ; and

WHEREAS, Grand Island was a charter member of NMPP and has had a representative on the Board of Directors since the organization's creation; and

WHEREAS, Utilities Director Tim Luchsinger is current member from the City of Grand Island on the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in the event that Mr. Luchsinger was unable to attend the annual meeting, it is the recommendation of the Council that Travis Burdett, Assistant Utilities Director, Transmission and Distribution, be appointed as the designated alternate representative for the City of Grand Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that Travis Burdett, Assistant Utilities Director, Transmission and Distribution, be appointed as the designated alternate representative for the City of Grand Island to sit on the NMPP Board of Directors.

- - -

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 22, 2018.

Jeremy L. Jensen, Mayor

Attest:

Norma Hernandez, City Clerk Pro-Tem

Approved as to Form	▣ _____
May 22, 2018	▣ City Attorney