



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Council Session

Item G8

#2011-82 - Approving Appointment of Tim Luchsinger, Assistant Utilities Director, as the City's Representative at the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP)

Staff Contact: Gary R. Mader

Council Agenda Memo

From: Gary R. Mader, Utilities Director

Meeting: April 12, 2011

Subject: Appointment of Tim Luchsinger, Assistant Utilities Director, as the City's Representative at the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool

Item #'s: G-8

Presenter(s): Gary R. Mader, 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 1993.

Discussion

With my retirement in April, I will no longer be available to represent the City at that organization. NMPP is requesting that Grand Island continue its participation in NMPP and formally appoint a replacement representative. It is recommended that Assistant Utilities Director, Tim Luchsinger, be designated as the replacement representative to the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool. After my retirement, Mr. Luchsinger will be the longest serving senior manager in the 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. Recently the City entered into a Power Marketing Agreement with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) to provide for wholesale power sales from the Public Power

Generating Agency (PPGA) plant being constructed in Hastings. MEAN is one of the major service companies organized under the original mission of NMPP. With responsibility for the City's power plants and also serving on the PPGA board, Mr. Luchsinger has the experience and knowledge to serve Grand Island as the City's representative at NMPP.

NMPP bylaws require the appointment of representatives to be done by the represented city's governing board. Therefore, the recommended appointment is submitted to the City Council for their consideration.

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 the Council appoint Tim Luchsinger, Assistant Utilities Director, be appointed to replace Gary Mader as the City of Grand Island representative at the Nebraska Power Pool.

Sample Motion

Move to approve appointment of Tim Luchsinger to replace Gary Mader as the City of Grand Island representative to the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

RESOLUTION 2011-82

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island is a member of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP); and

WHEREAS, NMPP bylaws require the appointment of representatives by the City's governing board; and

WHEREAS, Gary Mader, the current Utilities Director is retiring on April 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Luchsinger, Assistant Utilities Director, has the experience and knowledge to serve Grand Island and the NMPP Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the Mayor is hereby authorized, on behalf of the City, to appoint Timothy Luchsinger as the representative of the City of Grand Island, to the Member's Council of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, April 12, 2011

Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk