

FINANCE & UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 5:00 PM

Mayor Nathan Brown convened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Those present included Commission Members David Meeske, Donovan Fox, Lee Thomas-Palmer, and Julie Gourley. Council Member Liaison present was John Caves. Staff Members present included Julie Martorana, Jeremy Mose, Carrie Myers, Rikki Bruchey, Dan Sherwood, Kevin Grunwell, and John Gerstner.

Snow Contractor FYI – Mr. Mose discussed the challenging nature of the recent snow and ice storm, stating while staff did a fantastic job with snow removal, contractors had to be brought in to assist with transporting snow off of some roadways. Approximately \$25,000 was spent on contractor assistance, and this was an unbudgeted expense.

Second Avenue Water Line Project – Mr. Gerstner stated two bids were received for the project. Staff recommended approval of Pay Dirt, LLC in the amount of \$296,985. This was a budgeted project. The Commission recommended approval to the Council.

Water Meter Replacement Project – Ms. Myers discussed the need for this project, with approximately 193 meters throughout town still located within homes. She stated staff have identified approximately \$141,000 of funding in the FY2026 budget to hire a contractor to replace inside meters into exterior crocks. This funding would require budget amendments. She stated the project would be bid on a “not to exceed” price and that additional meters could be replaced in FY2027 if funding were available. Staff requested recommendation of approval of the overall project and budget amendments to the Council, which would be sought at a future meeting when project quotes had been submitted and reviewed. The Commission recommended approval to the Council.

FY2027 CIP Budget – Ms. Martorana discussed the items requested in the CIP budget and how the overall items would be evaluated.

Review of Current FY2026 Finance Reports – Ms. Bruchey provided updates on spending.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03pm.

Report prepared by Carrie Myers