**Berea Utility Advisory Board**

**Minutes for November 27, 2018, 8:00 - 9:15 am**

**BMU Meeting Room**

Present: Josh Bills, Rodney Short, Steve Wilkins, Diane Zekind

Staff present: Kevin Howard, Adrian Isaacs, Josh Gabbard, Randy Stone

1. Kevin will forward Ed Fortner’s email contact to BUAB members in order to send our support for his challenges after losing home/possessions to wildfire in Paradise, CA.
2. KYMEA was to finalize rates during November meeting, but decision was postponed. Currently awaiting FERC final ruling on KU/LGE subjecting transmission customers to multiple transmission charges for long-distance power deliveries. FERC expected to rule sometime in January. KU/LGE could appeal, extending final ruling until June. This leaves “all requirement” (AR) members in limbo. Rate consultant Paul Garcia may be invited to a Work Session.
3. Utility Updates:

WWTP generator is ready to go out to bid. Advertise in January.

Final work commencing on B-Lake Project as weather allows.

Hwy 1016 Sewer Line Extension Project. Delta Gas has placed new gas lines in area, which needed review. Should be ready to go out to bid first of the year.

Still hopeful to get the grant money for Central Park Sewer Project.

Water Line Replacement. 80-ft. on Scruggs St. and Brown St. are completed. Glades St. to be contracted out because of rock and has been delayed until spring.

We are down one staff person. New hire at water plant and new hire at sewer plant. Lineman jobs were advertised for three months and we got some good people. Identified 30 poles as being critical replacement.

Still in process of getting Spectrum and Windstream to move their wires to new poles. There is now contract language giving a time limit for these companies to move lines, after which time the City can move lines and charge the other provider. Spectrum signed off on pole attachment contract. Windstream almost signed. New contract includes an escalator each year. Consulted with Linda Ann regarding new pole attachment rates and contracts.

1. Sanitary sewer policies are under ordinance. These should be gathered in one place for ease of review. Industrial ordinance changes due to Division of Water on limits of pre-treatment regarding nickel and zinc. 2nd reading at last council meeting shouldn’t affect industry at all.
2. Metering: redundant fiber installed near Tolle Bldg. Needed to set up a second redundant antenna for SCADA to substations since the antenna at City Hall was hit by lightning. SCADA does a 15-minute report that comes out monthly to tell what time peak demand occurs at large accounts. Is it possible to begin collecting customer email and updated phone contact info in order to be able to send out alert blasts via email or text encouraging conservation during peak demand times?
3. AMI Next Steps: May reach out to local co-ops to see what they do and what unforeseen issues they may have encountered. Mayfield, KY has AMI for electric, water and gas. Their process started in 2012. They could be a good contact for advice.
4. December meeting was canceled due to Christmas holiday. Next meeting on 4th Tuesday in January.