



Monroe City Utility Board
Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 11:00 am
Minutes

1. Welcome and Call to Order: Chairperson Jeff Nielson

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Utility Board was called to order at 11:00 a.m. January 18, 2024, by Chairperson Jeff Nielson.

Present:

Board Chair – Jeff Nielson

Board Members-

Tom Anderson

Doug Monroe

Mathew Mills- absent

R.K. Nielson-absent

2. Business

a. Elect Chairperson for 2024

Board member Monroe moved to elect Board member Mathew Mills as Board Chair of the Monroe Utility Board. Board Member Anderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called. Voting yes: Board Members Anderson, Monroe, Nielson, and R.K. Nielson. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. 4-0

b. Consider a motion to approve minutes from previous meetings.

City Recorder will have minutes from past meetings ready for the next regular meeting of the Utility Board.

c. Update on Carbon Free Power Plant - Power Foreman Josey Parsons

Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained to the Board members that the Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP) is no longer moving forward due to concerns about risk, upfront costs, and

new technology. Despite wanting carbon-free power, other UAMPS participants were hesitant about nuclear energy and UAMPS could not secure enough subscriptions to move forward.

Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained that once it was confirmed that the CFPP was not moving forward he began researching other options for the City to replace the energy sources we are losing with the reduction of coal power energy.

Some of our options are as follows:

- UAMPS is considering building a new natural gas plant with the hope that the Kw charge will be the same as the CFPP project Kw costs were supposed to be.
- Monroe City would install their own generators for peak hour use.

Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained to the Board that no other communities the size of Monroe have install their own generators and there are still many questions to be answered before we move in this direction. Power Foreman Josey Parsons stated that he has been working with Wheeler Machinery for their recommended size of the generator and costs associated with generating power. Wheeler Machinery will present their findings to the City Council during their meeting to be held on February 13, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. The Utility Board members will be encouraged to attend.

The Board members had a good discussion with Power Foreman Josey Parsons to answer many questions of the direction the power industry is currently moving on the multiple types of energy sources and what Monroe's biggest struggles are going to be in the future.

Power Foreman Josey Parsons stated the challenges we are facing are:

- Our contract with IPP (Intermountain Power Plant) ends in 2027.
- Hunter power plant may continue until 2032 if coal supplies can be secured.
- Coal for power plant generation is becoming harder to obtain.
- Peak power needs are becoming harder to meet with reasonable priced energy sources.

After discussion and review of these challenges the Utility Board would like to continue working with UAMPS to manage our power block while potentially developing a peaking plant and obtain more information about Monroe purchasing generators as a peak power supply.

The overall goal is to secure reliable power sources while managing costs and meeting customers' demand. We need to move forward in a direction that will meet the new carbon free emission regulations.

City Recorder Allison Leavitt reminded the Utility Board members of the City Council meeting be held February 13, 2024, at 6:00 pm with Wheeler Machinery.

2. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Monroe and seconded by Board Member Nielson to adjourn the meeting at 11:53. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approve this day 10th of November 2025.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Allison Leavitt", is written over a horizontal line.

Allison Leavitt

Monroe City Recorder