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MONROE CITY UTILITY BOARD
February 2, 2022

12:00 p.m.

1. Chairperson Jeff Nielson Conducting

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Utility Board was called to order at 12:00 pm February 2, 2022 by Chairman Jeff Nielson.

Present:

Board Chair – Jeff Nielson

Board Members-

Tom Anderson – absent

R.K. Nielson

Mathew Mills

Doug Monroe

Councilmember Dane Buchmiller

Public Works Director Devin Magleby

City Power Foreman Josey Parsons

City Recorder – Allison Leavitt

Mike Ginsberg

2. Business

a. Elect Chairperson for the 2022 year.

Board member R.K. Nielson nominated Board member Jeff Nielson to serve as the Board Chairperson for the upcoming year.

A motion was made by Board Member R.K. Nielson and seconded by Board Member Doug Monroe to elect Jeff Nielson as the Chairperson of the Monroe City Utility Board for the 2022 year. All were in favor. Motion carried

b. Welcome new board members.

The board welcomed new member Doug Monroe to the board.

c. Discussion on the current Monroe City's Diversified Generation Interconnection Policy.

Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained to board members that Mike Ginsberg, owner of Mystic Hot Springs, contacted him about installing and interconnecting solar power generation service at his property

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located at 475 E 100 N. Mr. Ginsberg stated that he would like to install a 10kwh service. Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained that at this time the policy only allows a 6kwh service. Mr. Ginsberg asked if the policy could be amended to allow a 10kwh commercial service.

Power Foreman Josey Parsons explained that when former Power Superintendent Daniel Peterson created the current policy his main goal was to assure Monroe City's power grid would not be jeopardized by the influx of wind/solar power generation services and used the recommendation from UAMPS when establishing the size of interconnection.

Mr. Ginsberg stated that he currently has four meters at his business but wants to use only one for the solar connection. Mr. Ginsberg stated at this time he was not planning on a net metering type of connection but needs a larger service than 6kwh to cover his needs.

It was discussed that Monroe City only had one solar customer, who has since disconnected from Monroe City and connected his solar service to Rocky Mountain Power. He left because Rocky Mountain Power offered better incentives and Monroe City would not purchase generated power that was put back on the grid and he was charged for all the power that he generated.

Board members understand that there are set costs in operating the grid and if a customer wants to be able to utilize the grid on a demand basis that they must participate in the operation costs of the grid. However, they are not sure that charging someone for the power they generate and use to cover their energy needs is appropriate.

Board members discussed with Mr. Ginsberg his needs and stated they understood what he was wanting to do, however they would like some time to review the current policy and research why the current policy has stated these limitations.

It was decided that the Utility Board would schedule another meeting to review the current policy before making a recommendation to the Council on Mr. Ginsberg request.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Neilson and seconded by Board Member Mills to adjourn the meeting at 12:37 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved this 9th day of May 2022.

Allison Leavitt
Monroe City Recorder

Jeff Nielson
Chairperson



MINUTES
MONROE CITY UTILITY BOARD
February 23, 2022

1:00 p.m.

1. Chairperson Jeff Nielson Conducting

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Utility Board was called to order at 1:00 pm February 23, 2022 by Chairman Jeff Nielson.

Present:

Board Chair – Jeff Nielson

Board Members-

Tom Anderson

R.K. Nielson

Mathew Mills

Doug Monroe

Public Works Director Devin Magleby

City Power Foreman Josey Parsons

City Recorder – Allison Leavitt

2. Business

a. Review Monroe City Diversified Generation Power Policy

Board reviewed request from Mike Ginsberg to amend our current policy to allow a larger service at his business, Mystic Hot Springs, located at 475 E 100 N. Board members discussed the pros and cons on allowing a larger service than the policy states for a commercial use. Board members decided in order to protect our system they do not want to change the service size at this time. Monroe City Power is not in a position to handle the inconsistency of self-generated power coming on and off our grid. We are a small company, and we have to look out for all our customers not the few who want to install solar panels on their property.

Board agreed with the policy stating that we will only allow so many customers and customers will be on a first come first serve basis, and once we meet our limit no new customers will be allowed to interconnect to our power grid.

Board discussed the policy regarding charging customers for every kwh they produce. Members agreed that the policy of charging an individual for the power they generate does not seem fair, and they think a base rate fee would be a more equitable procedure. A production meter would still be installed for record keeping.

Board requested that a draft policy be created to include a base rate and new service permit fees and remove the section on charging for power generated by customer. The policy will still read that Monroe City Power will not participate in a net metering program at this time.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Board Member Mills and seconded by Board Member Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 1:54 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved this 9th day of May 2022.

Allison Leavitt
Monroe City Recorder

Jeff Nielson
Chairperson