

MINUTES
MONROE CITY UTILITY BOARD
APRIL 4, 2017

7:30 p.m.

1. Chairman Jeff Nielson Conducting

The regular meeting of the Monroe City Utility Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. April 4, 2017 by Chairman Jeff Nielsen. Prayer was offered by Board Member Tom Anderson.

Present:

Board Chair – Jeff Nielson

Board Members – Tom Anderson, Mathew Mills, Buddy Qualls, R.K. Nielson

Councilmember – Perry Payne

Power Superintendent- Daniel Peterson

City Deputy Recorder- Allison Leavitt

Citizens:

Eric Tuft

Dennis Cupp

Approval of minutes of previous meeting held March 7, 2017

A motion was made by Board Member R. K. Nielson to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2017 utility board meeting as corrected. Motion seconded by Board Member Mathew Mills. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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2. Discussion items

(A) Discussion of distributed generation to be included in Monroe City Electric Department Policy

Chairman Nielsen welcomed Mr. Tuft and Mr. Cupp to our meeting tonight. He explained that the board is working on a policy pertaining to generated grid power, mainly solar power, and would like their input on how their personal systems work. When the policy is complete the board would like to have an information sheet for customers who come to the city with an application for generated power.

The board discussed with Mr. Tuft and Mr. Cupp about their systems. Neither system is tied to the grid. Mr. Cupp is totally solar because of where he lives, costs of being tied to the grid are prohibitive for him. Mr. Tuft stated that he is living on solar to be self-reliant and that financially

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it was disastrous. The board discussed the use of inverters, batteries, panels, and maintenance with them.

Mr. Tuft shared with the board an article about net metering. He stated to the board that he feels the city should support solar power for their customers, however net metering may not be the best for the city. He feels we need to have a policy that benefits both the consumer and the city.

Board members feel that after listening to Mr. Tuft and Mr. Cupp, they would like to include in the information sheet items such as batteries, maintenance, change of lifestyle, and weather conditions and how these may affect their solar power supply.

Board members asked Power Superintendent Daniel Peterson to prepare a draft copy of a policy for distributed generation for our next meeting.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council member R.K. Nielson and seconded by Board Member Buddy Qualls to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approved this 1st day of August, 2017

Allison Leavitt

Monroe City Deputy Recorder

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