Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, Commissioner Ardner called to order the regular meeting of the Mora Public Utilities Commission at 3:00pm on Monday, March 14, 2022, in the city hall council chambers.

2. Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Greg Ardner and Brett Baldwin

Absent: Ryan Christianson

Staff Present: Administrative Service Director Natasha Segelstrom, Public Works Director Joe Kohlgraf, Accountant Sara King, and Deputy Clerk Mandi Yoder

- **3. Adopt Agenda:** MOTION made by Baldwin, seconded by Ardner, and unanimously carried by the PUC to approve the agenda as presented.
- **4. Consent Agenda:** Item 4d was removed from consent agenda and later discussed. MOTION made by Baldwin, seconded by Ardner, and unanimously carried by the PUC to approve the consent agenda.
 - a. Regular Meeting Minutes February 14, 2022
 - b. Joint City Council-PUC Meeting Minutes- February 22, 2022
 - c. February 2022 Claims
 - d. Public Utilities General Manager Contract Approval

Item 4d was discussed. There was a consensus to remove "shall continue indefinitely" from the Glenn Anderson's employment contract.

5. Open Forum: No one spoke at open forum.

6. Special Business:

a. **Public Utilities General Manager:** Glenn Anderson spoke before the PUC stating his availability to start as the Utilities General Manager had moved forward and requested a start date of March 21, 2022. MOTION made Baldwin and seconded by Ardner and unanimously carried that Glenn Anderson start employment on March 21, 2022.

7. New Business

a. Water Tower Mixer Addition/Bubbler: Kohlgraf presented the Water Tower mixer addition to allow water turnover throughout the summer and de-icing during the winter months for improved water quality. Kohlgraf requested to move forward and use funds from water distribution line item and repair and maintenance for \$9,500. MOTION made by Baldwin, seconded by Ardner and unanimously carried to approve the quote and use of \$9,500 from water distribution item repair/maintenance.

8. Old Business:

a. None

9. Communications:

a. MMUA Apprentice Line worker Training Program: Kohlgraf provided an update on the MMUA line worker training and increased rates that would take place later this year. This was presented before the PUC for informational purposes. Ardner asked for an update on the line worker training and Kohlgraf explained it could progress quicker with the journeyman line worker and filling the Plant / Line Supervisor Position which had not been advertised during the vacant City Administrator position.

10. Reports:

Chair

Secretary

- a. Administrative Services Director: Nothing new to report.
- b. Public Works Director: Water/wastewater department doing well. Newest worker is now on call and the Wastewater Operator III had six applications at this time.
- c. Commissioner Baldwin: Nothing new to report.
- d. Commissioner Christianson: absent.
- e. Chairperson Ardner: The Minnesota Legislature passed the five-member Public Utilities Board. Once council adopts a resolution and certificate of Special Law is filed with the state the board will go into effect. Staff has been advertising for the position and would be bringing it to the council meeting on April 19 and a five-member board by the May PUC meeting.
- **11. Adjournment:** MOTION made by Baldwin, seconded by Ardner, and unanimously carried to adjourn at 3:15 pm.

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