

MINUTES
LAKE CRYSTAL UTILITIES COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
8:00 A.M.

The following Commissioners were present:
Commissioners McCoy, Ahrenstorff, Richards.

Staff Present:
Angie Grafstrom, City Administrator

Others Present:
City Attorney Chris Kennedy, Mayor Todd Wiens

Commissioner McCoy called the Special Meeting of the Lake Crystal Public Utilities Commission to order, then closed the meeting at 8:00 am.

Commissioner McCoy opened the Special Meeting at 8:30 am

Coming out of the closed meeting, Ahrenstorff made a motion and Richards seconded, to terminate Joel Collins's probation with the city and part ways effective March 24, 2023. The following vote was had and taken,

Ayes: McCoy, Ahrenstorff, Richards.

Nays: None.

Grafstrom reported she has spoken with the union Representative Josh Laven from IBEW 160. He told her they have an independent contractor group and would be interested in providing a journeyman/lineman to the City of Lake Crystal to help us get our apprentices trained to journeyman/lineman. They will work with a 6 month or 1-year renewable contract. Grafstrom said she has not yet got the details, but they said it would cost approximately \$78.00/hr. They have never done this before as the contractors are primarily used to help in storms, but they were willing to try, as they know City has been working hard to develop and grow a department.

Commissioner McCoy moved and Commissioner Ahrenstorff seconded the motion to approve entering into an agreement with IBEW to provide a journeyman/lineman for the City of Lake Crystal for a 6 month period with the option to renew. The following vote was had and taken,

Ayes: McCoy, Ahrenstorff, Richards.

Nays: None.

Grafstrom stated that all three candidates who were interviewed were great and would be a good fit for Lake Crystal. She would like to hire all three but was wondering how many did the PUC want to take on at this time. Two of the three interviewed candidates had more experience and Grafstrom would like to offer the position to Lukas Smith and Tanner McDonald. The PUC is interested in hiring two to start. Grafstrom will offer the position to Smith and McDonald at a rate of pay commensurate with their experience. If they decline, they will look at the 3rd candidate, Luke Koerner.

Commissioner Richards moved and Commissioner Ahrenstorff seconded the motion to approve hiring of Lukas Smith and Tanner McDonald at a salary on the current pay scale commensurate with their experience. The following vote was had and taken,

Ayes: McCoy, Ahrenstorff, Richards.

Nays: None.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dennis McCoy, Chairman

Angela Grafstrom, Secretary