

City of North Saint Paul
February 20, 2024
Approved City Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Monge called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Council Member Nordby
Council Member Cole
Council Member Wong
Mayor Monge

Absent: Council Member Schweer

Staff: City Manager Brian Frandle, Assistant to the City Manager Jennie Kloos, Electric Director John Wick, Communications Kari Erpenbach

III. ADOPT AGENDA

On motion by Council Member Wong, seconded by Council Member Nordby, with all present voting aye (4-0), motion carried to approve the agenda as amended.

IV. TOPICS

A. Electric Department Update

Electric Department Director John Wick gave a department update and provided a list of the 2023 accomplishments:

- Lillie Project relocation of 1200 feet of line with more equipment expected in March
- Relocation of 1,100 feet of overhead to underground wire
- Kari Lane developments
- Total megawatts used
- Clean Air Program participation
- Resident rates
- Number of power outages and average outage time.

Mr. Wick described the goals of 2024:

- 4,000 feet of overhead to underground wire
- 9,000 feet of underground wire replacement
- 1,000-1,500 feet of wire to coincide with the Lille and Delaware development
- No base rate increases

Mr. Wick provided information and details on the Cold Weather Rule. He explained the rights and responsibilities of residents, appeal process, and payment options. He also explained how the

AMI smart meters provide time and money savings and quicker disconnect and reconnect services.

Council Member Wong thanked Mr. Wick for the context and information. She inquired about the supply chain issues. Mr. Wick noted timing is crucial as the supply chain has become more difficult to predict. His department continues to try to forecast out as far as possible to ensure timely arrivals of materials. Mr. Wick also noted prices have stabilized some but staff continues to shop around for different ways to save the department money.

City Council thanked Mr. Wick and his department for their continued hard work.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no presentations.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Council Member Cole, seconded by Council Member Wong, with all present voting aye (4-0), meeting is adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

/s/ John Monge, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Brian Frandle, City Manager / Clerk