

PUBLIC HEARING Minutes –EUC Rates - February 07, 2018

Call to Order:

Mayor Novak opened the Public Hearing at 5pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, D.Forsman, Mayor Novak, EUC Commissioners Nikkola, Colarich, Wilmunen, and Campbell

ABSENT: Council member Callen, EUC Commissioners Richards and Soderberg

Purpose: This Hearing will be held to discuss and to hear public comment on the Ely Utilities Commission's proposed rate increases on electric, water and sanitary sewer services.

Clerk/Treasurer Langowski went through the rate recommendations from the EUC budget and rate committee.

An increase to the monthly fixed or set fee by \$2.00 for each the Water and Sewer customers.

The 2018 residential electric set charge will be \$10 per service and \$0.0975 per KWH.

Dual Fuel charges will be a set fee of \$5 per month October – April and \$0.0700 per KWH October 15-April 15.

Off Peak charges will be \$3.00 per month and \$0.0550 per KWH.

The 2018 commercial electric charges will be \$17 per service, and \$0.106 per KWH.

Commercial with Demand meters will be \$17.00 per service for the first 20,000 KWH of usage and the demand charge will be \$5.00 for additional KW over the first 20KW. Commercial with Demand meters with over 20,000 KWH usages will be \$17.00 per service and \$0.085 for the first 20,000 KWH and \$0.079 over 20,000 KWH and the demand charge will be \$5.00 for additional KW over the first 20KW

A.Forsman spoke as a citizen of Ely, and stated that he supports these rate increases, but next time should look at the demand charge more deeply to ensure the commercial customers are not having to subsidize residential.

Mike Forsman spoke on the Lake Country Power AMI Metering project.

Mike Banovetz asked if Ely's EUC rates are comparable to those on the Iron Range. Langowski stated that our rates are lower and our demand is lower.

Adjourn

Mayor Novak adjourned the public hearing at 5:23pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff
Deputy Clerk