

Utility Committee Meeting
March 11, 2016, 7:00 am
Public Works Office

Present: Tony Brown, Chair, Christi Darnell, Vice-Chair, and Members of the City Staff: Glenn Rockers, Brad Smith, Bill Winegar, Rob Culley, Chris Croucher.

The committee discussed two issues:

1. The status of the City's current net metering policy as outline in Ordinance #1257, passed by the Baldwin City Council on October 28, 2010.

Action: Now that we have reprogrammed the meters of utility customers who have photovoltaic solar panels so as to accurately track the amount of energy these solar systems are putting back on the electrical grid, the City shall collect data to determine: (a) the monthly amount of energy currently subject to the net metering agreement; and (b) the total amount of energy being produced by customer generation and the percentage of this amount of the City's peak demand during the previous annualized period. These data will provide the basis on which to consider any future changes in the City's net metering policy and/or limitations to the number of solar systems allowed on the City's system.

2. Bids from two firms to perform a cost of service study for the electric utility.

Action: By consensus, we agreed to award the contract to Springsted Incorporated of St. Paul, Minnesota. The committee instructed Rob Culley to pursue negotiations with this firm.