

Minutes of the Buffalo City Streets/Electric Committee held on July 17, 2006.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Dana Jo Smith at 5:30pm. Present was committee member Judy Hammons, Councilmembers Mitch Greer and Chris Carson, Director of Public Works Dwain Bollman, and City Clerk Bill Bowers.

Automated Meter Reading

Bollman explained how the automated meter reading would work. Each meter would have a transmitter, which would send the reading to a collector in a truck that would be driven through the city to collect the readings.

This would eliminate the need to manually read the meters and would insure that all meters would be read. Currently there are as many as 35 meters that cannot be read for some reason ~ dogs, fences, broken meter, etc. The project would upgrade those meters that are new enough to be upgraded and replace those that cannot. Replacing and upgrading meters should increase our revenue by 1% to 3% as meters start slowing down as they age.

Any system considered would interface with our Utility Billing software, eliminating the need for manual entry of readings. Payments would be posted by hand, but the import of the readings will save the Clerk's office 8 hours per month in data entry time.

Hammons asked many questions of Bollman.

Motion to table by Hammons pending further information. Seconded by Smith and carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Hammons at 7 pm. Seconded by Smith and carried unanimously.

William Bowers
City Clerk