

UTILITY COMMISSION

General Functions:

The Utility Commission shall recommend and act in an advisory capacity to the City Council in all matters pertaining to water supply, water distribution activities of the City, operation of the City's wastewater facilities, operation of the City's electric distribution system, operation of the City's solid waste facilities, and operation of the City's broadband utility system as follows:

1. Water supply and quality principles, guidelines, policies, and objectives for long term water resource planning of the City, surrounding environs, and surrounding region, including groundwater and surface water management programs and the control and use of reclaimed water;
2. Management and operation of the water, wastewater, electric, solid waste, and broadband utilities and facilities of the City, including the development, production, distribution, and use of water; possible use of reclaimed water from the City's wastewater system; and long-term capital improvement plans for the electric utility distribution systems;
3. Periodic review of Utility Department revenues and expenditures;
4. Review and recommendations concerning the biennial budget for the water, wastewater, electric, solid waste, and broadband utilities prior to adoption by City Council. That review shall consist of evaluation of operating costs, capital expenditures, projected revenues, and level of cash reserves, which City Council shall thereafter consider at the time of adoption of the biennial budget, based upon the recommendations of the Commission and such other factors deemed appropriate;
5. Review and recommendation regarding the establishment and adjustment of consumer rates for water service, sewer service, broadband service, solid waste service, and electrical energy sales within the City; and
6. Review and recommendation to the City Council of rules and regulations governing the City's electric system, including hearing appeals by citizens regarding the implementation of such rules and regulations in accordance with LMC Chapter 13.24.

Membership:

Five members appointed by the City Council. Each member is to serve a concurrent term with that of the nominating Council Member. All members must be residents of the City.

Meetings:

The Utility Commission meets the second Monday of each month at ~~5:00~~ 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Lompoc City Hall, 100 Civic Center Plaza, Lompoc, CA. The Commission Chairperson, a majority of its members, or the Utility Director may call meetings.

Time involved: Averages 20 to 40 hours per year.

References: LMC Chapter 2.56 [Ordinance Nos. 1454(00), 1504(04), ~~and~~ 1536(06), and Resolution 6257(19)].