

It has been clear to many people in our community that the perception of Princeton Public Utilities is very poor. This poor perception of our local utilities has been created over decades and will take the whole community to help reform the perception. In the May 2020 City Council Meeting as Mayor I publicly challenged each city council member to give a suggestion to the PUC Board and the new member Rick Schwartz to work on changing this perception.

I wanted to start by noting a few positive changes that the Princeton Public Utilities has done over the past 2 years,

Ended the no bid contracts to interested officers of the PUC Board.

Published the meeting minutes online for the public to see.

Worked with PHS Senior Party in hanging the banners for the 2020 Princeton Seniors .

Items that I personally think will help change the perception of The Princeton Public Utilities.

Immediately remove GM Keith Butcher as the voting member on the SMMPA Board. This voting person needs to be local and pay the PPU Bill. Pick any PUC Commissioner or business owner in town - you need community involvement.

An aggressive tree trimming plan for our cities power lines right now. Show the citizens that PPU workers are working for them and not driving around town in circles. Trimming trees in a neighborhood goes far for many home owners.

Stop charging places of worship in town the high cost of commercial power rates when they're actually only using their power load during off peak times Sunday

Mornings, Wednesday nights etc. Help the faith community and they will help you.

Show the community what the strategy is to match the Connexus Energy power rate of \$.01189 per kWh.

Have two meetings per month to show the rate payers the board is controlling the spending not the general manager on his own. Your budget is \$14,000,000 per year and you have 12 meetings. The City Councils budget is \$4,000,000 +/- and we have 36 meetings. Transparency matters and it takes action and words.

Since you won't change your meeting times from 1pm you need a plan to video broadcast your meeting indefinitely.

PILOT Program needs to fair and put back in place. PUC needs to pay in full all the property taxes due on the \$5,300,000+ million dollars of property they use to the city. PUC needs to pay fair amount for rent per sq ft of office and warehouse rates to the city for the buildings and CAM is already covered by the PUC for the buildings.

Last the PUC could pick other items to help with their perception from the hand out I've attached from Connexus Energy's 2019 Community Report.

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