

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
READINESS SESSION

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2012, 5:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM  
250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET

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1. **Xcel Energy Franchise Agreement and Street Lighting:** Staff will provide an oral summary of discussions/negotiations had with Xcel Energy over the last year. Staff will recommend that the City execute the correction to the Franchise Agreement and ask for City Council direction on future ownership of street lights. [Attach R-1](#)
2. **Budget/Fees**



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**CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT  
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**Topic:** Xcel Energy Franchise Agreement and Street Lighting

**Staff (Name & Title):** Tim Moore, Public Works and Planning Director

**Summary:**

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**Recent Actions:**

Over the past year, Staff has continued discussions with Xcel Energy on a number of issues, most notably, street lights. We have been working toward resolution of those issues through a Street Light Agreement and the sampling services and bill credits described in the Street Lighting Service section of the PUC regulations.

Xcel Energy has notified the City that there are several areas of "dead underground feeds" to street lights and that the City will be responsible for the estimated \$500,000 cost to repair the problems.

Staff has done a preliminary cost/benefit analysis of assuming ownership of the street lights and would recommend exploring that option further. With the North Avenue improvement grant that was recently received, we have the opportunity to use that project as a means of exploring and deciding alternative approaches to street lighting, one option of which is for the City to own and repair/replace the lights and purchase electricity on a metered rate.

**Previously presented or discussed:**

City Council has been briefed on the Xcel Energy issues at previous meetings. This meeting is an update of those former discussions.

**Attachments:** N/A