



CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 10, 2025

Agenda Item: Minnesota Energy Resources Franchise Agreement - Ordinance 477

Subject | Summary: Ordinance review as required for a franchise agreement.

Agenda Category: New Business

Submitted By: Michele Peterson

Recommended Motion: First review of proposed ordinance.

Community Engagement and Outreach:

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount:

Ongoing Cost :

One-Time Cost :

Included in Current Budget?:

FISCAL DETAILS:

Fund Name(s) (Operations | Capital):

Account Code:

Background: We currently have a franchise agreement with MERC that is expiring this year. Ordinance 345 was approved by the Chatfield City Council in June of 2000. Although this agreement was for 25 years, the Charter dictates that no franchise agreement be longer than 20 years. Attorney Suhler has also reviewed the ordinance/agreement and has no concerns. Attached is a copy of the draft ordinance for the franchise agreement.

Attachments:

[477 MERC WEC Gas Franchise Template - City of Chatfield.pdf](#)