

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION – February 22, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on February 22, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Adam Voigts called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Deb Richardson, Adam Voigts, Mike Rozga and Lori Smith. Absent: Lesley Forbush.

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Richardson. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

- Claims list for February 22, 2021.
- Minutes from February 8, 2021.

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent explained the work his staff did to avoid rolling blackouts due to extreme cold.

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, stated the 2021 GMC Sierra is budgeted for Fiscal Year 22. Resolution 2021-03 authorizing the purchase of a 2021 GMC Sierra 1500 pickup for the Water Department was introduced on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Smith. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Elbert reported that the North 8th Street water main keeps failing and should be replaced. Smith moved and Rozga seconded to approve Resolution 2021-04 ordering construction of certain public improvements and fixing a date for hearing and taking of bids for the North 8th Street Water Main Improvements. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Elbert also reported that staff has been working on broken water mains; helping customers with frozen water meters; and working with Simpson on fire main issues.

Kurt Ripperger, Telecommunications Superintendent, reported staff is meeting fiber installation goals.

General Manager Chris Des Planques reviewed fund projections for Fiscal Year 22 and compared them to Fiscal Year 21 as part of the budget presentation.

This being the time and place for a public hearing on the matter of the Fiscal Year 22 budget, Chairperson Voigts called for public comments. Pam Pepper, 308 North 16th Street, asked if there were any projected rate increases. Des Planques stated no increases are forecasted into the budget. Staff will work with consultants on rate recommendations; rate related discussions could occur in October. Fiber may see a rate change in video services in April or May. Board Member Voigts stated rate increases are not included in budgets and that the electric underground conversion project is a big project and the Board needs to have strategic discussions to decide if a rate increase needs to occur. No other comments were offered, and the Deputy Clerk reported no written comments were filed.

Rozga introduced Resolution 2021-05 adopting the annual budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022 and moved for its adoption. Richardson seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

In other business, Des Planques thanked staff for their work during the cold snap. Board Member Rozga asked if anyone had attended the City's contractor's breakfast. Metcalf stated he had attended and reported the Square Streetscape, development areas and a rental inspection program were discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Rozga.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, Deputy City Clerk