

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION – April 12, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on April 12, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Adam Voigts called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Lesley Forbush, Deb Richardson, Adam Voigts, and Lori Smith. Absent: Mike Rozga.

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

- Claims list for March 29 and April 12, 2021.
- Minutes from March 22, 2021.

Chris Des Planques, General Manager, explained the need to restock diesel fuel due to using it in February. Richardson moved to approve purchasing diesel fuel in an amount not to exceed \$150,000., and in an amount not to exceed \$2.10/gallon and Smith seconded the motion. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Staff reported there has been changes to the Streetscape Project which affect the timing of the electric underground conversion project. Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, recommended the Board approve the resolution changing the bid letting and public hearing dates to allow for time to meet with the City's contractor to determine timing of the project. Resolution 2021-011 setting public hearings on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs and letting dates for the Downtown Underground Conversion project was introduced on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Smith. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Metcalf reported his staff is busy with spring and summer projects.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Richardson to authorize Warren Water to serve an IMU customer. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

A water waiver request from the Memorial Building Commission was introduced on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Smith. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert reported the Water Department has been working on the East Iowa Avenue paving project.

Telecommunications Superintendent Kurt Ripperger stated the proposed telecommunication rate changes primarily affect bundle packages.

Chairperson Voigts opened the public hearing on the proposed telecommunication rate changes. No public comments were offered.

Richardson moved and Smith seconded to approve Resolution 2021-012 approving telecommunication rate changes for residential customers. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-013 approving telecommunication rate changes for commercial customers was introduced on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Smith. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Ripperger reported his department has a 10% increase in installations over the prior month.

Richardson introduced Resolution 2021-014 declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the Municipal Utilities for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects and moved for its adoption. Smith seconded the motion. In discussion, it was noted that the specified projects are intended to be paid from fund balances, but this resolution allows borrowing should the need arise. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Richardson to approve Resolution 2021-015 declaring an official intent under Treasury Regulation 1.150-2 to issue debt to reimburse the Municipal Utilities for certain original expenditures paid in connection with specified projects. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

In combined informational items, Des Planques stated a new CSR was hired, and reported on MEAN.

Richardson moved at 6:27 pm to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 388.9(1) to discuss marketing and pricing strategies and proprietary information of the telecommunications division whose competitive position will be harmed by public disclosure that is not required of potential or actual competitors and no public purpose is served by such disclosure. Smith seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Smith at 6:41 pm to exit closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Smith moved at 6:43 pm to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j) to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonable expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Richardson seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Smith at 6:54 pm to exit closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm on a motion by Smith and seconded by Richardson.

\s\ Jackie Raffety, Deputy City Clerk