

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – JANUARY 25, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on January 25, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Adam Voigts called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present via Zoom: Mike Rozga, Adam Voigts and Lori Smith. Absent: Deb Richardson and Lesley Forbush.

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

- Claims list for January 25, 2021.
- Minutes from January 11, 2021.

Board Members Forbush and Richardson joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:34 pm.

General Manager Chris Des Planques explained the MEAN Marketing Agent Agreement. Forbush moved and Rozga seconded the approval of the MEAN Marketing Agent Agreement. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Superintendent, Lou Elbert, stated they have been working on water main breaks. The water department averages 30 main breaks per year and each break costs \$3,000-\$6,000.

Kurt Ripperger, Telecommunications Superintendent, updated the Board on installations scheduled for January. There was discussion on rural internet providers.

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, reported crews have been doing winter maintenance work.

Finance/HR Director Chris Longer and General Manager Des Planques presented the draft of the Fiscal Year 22 Budget. Highlights of the presentation include:

- Fund Summaries
- Breakdown of each fund for each utility
- Shared services
- Health insurance renewals

In discussion, the Board directed staff to look at having a rate study done for the water and electric utilities; provide a timeline with funding for the underground conversion project; create plans to become more independent/phase out the shared services; and look into the health insurance funding.

At 7:10 pm a motion was made by Richardson and seconded by Rozga 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 reasonably 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. On roll call the vote was, AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Richardson moved at 7:27 pm to come out of closed session and Smith seconded it. On roll call the vote was, AYES: Richardson, Forbush, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

The closed session 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, pursuant to Section 388.2(1) Code of Iowa was not held.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Richardson.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, Deputy City Clerk