

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION – May 10, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on May 10, 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 (via Zoom), Deb Richardson, Adam Voigts, Mike Rozga, and Lori Smith. Absent: None.

Mayor Pepper issued the Oath of Office to Board Member Smith.

Board Member Smith requested quarterly updates on the goals the Board has set for the General Manager. It was agreed that the General Manager would provide updates as an agenda item on a quarterly basis.

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

- Claims list for April 29 and May 10, 2021.
- Minutes from April 26, 2021.

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf reported the Electric Department handled a power outage due to a fallen tree; and the bid opening for the downtown underground conversion project is May 13.

It was moved by Rozga and seconded by Smith to authorize Warren Water to serve an IMU customer at 12696 150th Avenue. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert reported to the Board that tests have been completed on the East Iowa Avenue paving project; the North 8th Street project is set to begin in June; and he will attend a pre-construction meeting for the downtown reconstruction project on May 11.

Kurt Ripperger, Telecommunications Superintendent, stated crews are continuing installations for new customers.

Richardson introduced Resolution 2021-017 setting a Public Hearing to consider the approval and authorization of the sale of real property from Indianola Municipal Utilities to Kevin D. Halterman and moved for its adoption. Rozga seconded the motion. In discussion, General Manager Chris Des Planques stated this resolution sets a public hearing for anyone to come give comments on this matter before the Board considers approving the sale. Board Member Smith asked if the City has been asked if they want this parcel. General Manager Des Planques stated he would email the City. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Alesha Wilhite, Holmes Murphy, reviewed options and provided explanation regarding insurance renewals. After Board discussion, it was decided to proceed with the recommendations from Holmes Murphy and to have staff work with City staff on the reserve levels.

Resolution 2021-018 approving insurance benefits for the employees of the Indianola Municipal Utilities was introduced by Smith and seconded by Rozga. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush,

Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

In combined informational items, Des Planques stated he will receive detailed information on MEAN's year-end financials soon; he will attend the downtown reconstruction meeting with other superintendents and the bid opening for the electric conversion project.

Richardson moved at 6:59 pm to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(c) to discuss strategy with legal counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent and where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the government. Rozga seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rozga and seconded by Smith at 7:23 pm to exit closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Rozga moved at 7:23 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, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Smith and seconded by Richardson at 7:51 pm to exit closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, Rozga 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 7:51 pm on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Smith.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, Deputy Clerk