

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION – JUNE 14, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on June 14, 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, and Lori Smith. Absent: Mike Rozga.

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

- Claims list for May 28 and June 14, 2021.
- May 24, 2021 Minutes.

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf stated P&E Engineering has proposed to obtain agreements with businesses for the Right-of-Way access and easements in order to continue moving forward on the Downtown Underground Conversion Project. It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2021-022 approving the proposal from P&E Engineering for the Right-of-Way services for the Downtown Underground Conversion Project. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Metcalf reported the IMU Electric Department was called to generate electricity due to high temperatures in the region. Staff is working on repairing a meter on one generator and performing locates.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Smith to authorize Warren Water to serve an IMU customer at 118th Lane. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert reported staff will work on a water main break on South G Street near Highway 92; water main projects on N 8th and downtown are beginning; and Justin Brand is now a Grade 3 Operator.

Communications Superintendent Kurt Ripperger reported staff will perform 80 installations during June and has been working on putting fiber lines in new development areas.

General Manager Chris DesPlanques noted that the proposed resolutions setting salaries reflect a 3% increase and that Justin Brand's salary range should be Range 25-2.

Resolution 2021-023 setting salaries and benefits for appointed officers and non-union employees of the Indianola Municipal Utilities for the period beginning June 20, 2021, 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.

Richardson introduced Resolution 2021-024 setting salaries for union employees of the Indianola Municipal Utilities for the period beginning June 20, 2021 and moved for its adoption. 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.

In Combined Informational Items, GM DesPlanques stated staff had attended the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Downtown Streetscape Project. He also discussed physical and cyber security measures IMU has in place to keep the utilities safe for customers.

In Other Business, Board Member Smith asked for an update from the Utility Billing Supervisor, Elisha Brown. It was reported that staff has seen a large increase in the number of read-overs and some minor customer issues have been resolved quickly.

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm on a motion by Smith and seconded by Richardson.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, Deputy City Clerk