

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION – JANUARY 27, 2020

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 27, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Mike Rozga called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm and on roll call the following members were present: Mike Rozga, Adam Voigts and Leslie Forbush. Absent: Jim McClymond.

The meeting was opened for Public Comment. Al Farris, 811 E Salem, a member of the Sustainability Committee and Indianola Green Team, urged IMU to support Grow Solar. Patrick Snell and Jessica Maldonado spoke about the Grow Solar Warren County program.

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

Claims list for January 21 and 27, 2020.
Minutes from January 13, 2020.
September 2019 Treasurer and Financial Reports

Electric Utility Informational Items – Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, reported on the Electric Utility Informational Items which included January 18 power outage.

Water Utility Action Items – Forrest Aldrich, Veenstra & Kimm, spoke about the Water Facility Storage Building Project. He recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder in December; it was noted that all bids were rejected so the project must be re-bid. The Board asked staff to look at recommendations for the project and to have a resolution setting a bid date on the next agenda.

Water Utility Informational Items –Water Superintendent, Lou Elbert, reported on the Water Utility Informational Items which included work on wells.

Communication Utility Action Items –

This being the time and place fixed for a public hearing on the matter of setting the telecommunication rates, the Chair called for any oral objections to the approval of the resolutions to change the telecommunication rates for residential and commercial customers. No oral objections were offered, and the Deputy City Clerk reported that no written objections had been filed.

Voigts made a motion and Forbush seconded to approve Resolution No 2020-03, Resolution approving telecommunication rate changes for residential customers. On roll call the vote was, AYES: Rozga, Voigts and Forbush. NAYS: None. ABSENT: McClymond. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously and the resolution duly adopted.

Resolution No 2020-04, entitled “Resolution approving telecommunication rate changes for commercial customers” was introduced on a motion by Voigts and seconded by Forbush. On roll call the vote was, AYES: Rozga, Voigts and Forbush. NAYS: None. ABSENT: McClymond. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously and the resolution duly adopted.

Communications Utility Informational Items – Kurt Ripperger, Telecommunications Superintendent, updated the Board on the Communications Utility Informational Items which included the plan for converting remaining MCG customers to IMU Fiber.

Combined Electric, Water and communications Utilities Informational Items

General Manager, Chris DesPlanques, gave a FY21 draft budget presentation.

Other Business

At 7:00 pm a motion was made by Forbush and seconded by Voigts to enter into 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. On roll call the vote was, AYES: Voigts, Forbush and Rozga. NAYS: None. ABSENT: McClymond. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Voigts and seconded by Forbush to come out of closed session. On roll call the vote was, AYES: Voigts, Forbush and Rozga. NAYS: None. ABSENT: McClymond. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Voigts and seconded by Forbush.

Mike Rozga, Chairperson

Jackie Raffety, Deputy City Clerk