

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION – March 8, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on March 8, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Adam Voigts called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Deb Richardson, Adam Voigts, Mike Rozga and Lesley Forbush. Absent: Lori Smith.

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 February 25 and March 8, 2021.
- Minutes from February 22, 2021.

In public comment, Pam Pepper, 308 N 16th St, asked the Board to consider partnering with the City to educate the public on how to read utility bills, learn what factors effect utility bills, and how to find information on proposed rate increases. Board Members agreed this was a good idea. It was also suggested to include information on social media and in newsletters.

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent reported staff is working on projects and developments.

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, stated staff is working on repairs. He also explained how the department fixes concrete due to water main breaks.

Resolution 2021-06 approving an intergovernmental agreement between Indianola Municipal Utilities and City of Pella Telecommunications Utility providing for joint ownership and use of certain facilities and related matters was introduced on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Richardson. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Forbush. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Richardson moved to set a public hearing for proposed telecommunication rate changes for April 12, 2021 at 5:30 pm in the City Hall Council Chambers and Rozga seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Kurt Ripperger, Telecommunications Superintendent, reported staff is working on fiber installations and performing site surveys. Installations are being booked two weeks out.

It was moved by Rozga and seconded by Richardson to approve utility accounts to be written off and to use any customary collection method, including submission to the state offset program, and to charge any applicable collection fees. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

In combined information items, General Manager Des Planques asked customers with billing questions to contact the billing department.

Rozga moved at 6:00 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. Richardson seconded the motion. On roll call, the vote was

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

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Rozga at 6:19 pm to exit closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Forbush. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm on a motion by Richardson and seconded by Rozga.

Adam Voigts, Chair

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, Deputy Clerk