

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES – REGULAR SESSION – July 26, 2021

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on July 26, 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, Lesley Forbush (via phone), Adam Voigts, Mike Rozga and Lori Smith. Absent: None.

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 July 26, 2021.
- July 12, 2021 Minutes.
- Approval of June financial report.

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf stated Turbines 7 and 8 passed their capacity testing; there will be a meeting on the Streetscape Electric Project with business owners and tenants; and replacement vehicles ordered in March 2021 will not arrive until the first quarter of 2022.

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert updated the Board on Streetscape and North 8th Street main projects. He also discussed lead and copper testing that staff will perform this summer.

Rozga introduced Resolution 2021-026 approving Amendment Number 3 to the Intergovernmental Wholesale Internet Bandwidth Services Agreement and moved for its adoption. Richardson seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Kurt Ripperger, Telecommunications Superintendent, reported staff continues to work on installations and outside plant items.

Discussion was held on the collection and write-off process. The Board asked staff to research using a collection agency instead of, or in addition to, using the State Off-set Program. Rozga moved to approve utility write-offs for the period of October – December 2020 and Smith seconded. Question was call for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

In Combined Informational Items, General Manager Chris DesPlanques stated he will attend the MEAN Energy Conference in September. He also reported a proposal for a strategic planning vendor will be up for Board consideration at a future meeting.

It was moved by Richardson and seconded by Smith at 6:12 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 telecommunication 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. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, Richardson, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereupon the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 6:56 pm, Smith moved and Rozga seconded to exit the 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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Richardson.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, Deputy Clerk