IMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ELECTRIC,
WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES

January 24, 2022
5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
Minutes

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on January 24, 2022 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 due to the pandemic), Deb White, Adam Voigts, Mike Rozga, and Lori Smith. Absent: None.

No public comments were offered.

Smith moved to approve the Consent Agenda. White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows:

- Approval of Minutes of the prior board meetings.

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf reported staff is working on the budget and plant maintenance.

Rozga moved to authorize Warren Water to serve a customer within their territory upon proper notice to IMU since the customer is within two miles of IMU territory, located at 14694 Kennedy Street. White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote, the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert informed the Board that there were four water main breaks last week. The staff is also performing winter maintenance at the plant.

Smith moved to approve Resolution 2021-006 setting a public hearing for February 14, 2022 for the Fiber Extension to the Water Resource Recovery Facility Project. White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, White, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Communications Utility Superintendent Kurt Ripperger reported staff is performing installations for new customers.

White moved to approve Resolution 2022-007 setting a public hearing for February 28, 2022 for the Fiscal Year 23 budget. Rozga seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, White, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Robert Endriss, Denman and Company, presented the Fiscal Year 21 audit. Highlights of the presentation included: Statement of Net Position; Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position; Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance; and a Schedule of Findings. Discussion included the transition from a cash to accrual basis, reporting, and inventory.

General Manager Chris DesPlanques reviewed the proposed IMU mission statement with the Board. No changes were recommended. Des Planques stated the statement would be incorporated into the strategic plan document that will be brought forward to a future board meeting for approval.

The Board directed staff to review the physical requirements for the general manager job description and then bring a revised version back for formal approval.

Supervisors Metcalf, Elbert and Ripperger reviewed their capital budgets. The Board requested additional estimates for some line items and discussed possible staffing needs and rate changes.

In other business, Des Planques informed the Board that MEAN voted to increase wholesale rates by 6%; IAMU has filed a lawsuit against IUB on late fee and notice restrictions; and that there is discussion at the State level on solar restrictions, which may have an impact on IMU's solar project plans.

White moved to enter into closed session at 7:20 p.m. 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 it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, White, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

At 8:22 p.m., Rozga moved to exit the closed session and Smith seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, White, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Rozga moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.and White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Adam Voigts, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk