IMU BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ELECTRIC,
WATER AND COMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES
February 14, 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 February 14, 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.

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

- Approval of Claims from January 31, 2022.
- Approval of Claims for February 15, 2022.
- Approval of December 2021 Financials.
- Approval of Minutes of the prior Board meeting.

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf reported on maintenance projects in the Electric Department.

Water Superintendent Lou Elbert presented information on the water mains, including how many miles of each type of main in the city, where they are located along roadways, and mains that need replaced.

Chairperson Voigts opened the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Fiber Extension to the Water Resource Recovery Facility Project. No public comments were offered or submitted prior to the meeting. The public hearing was then closed.

Resolution 2022-008 adopting the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the Fiber Extension to the Water Resource Recovery Facility Project was introduced on a motion by Rozga and seconded by Smith. In discussion, Kurt Ripperger, Communications Utility Superintendent, gave an overview of the project plans, cost and funding. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, White, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

White moved to approve Resolution 2022-009 awarding a construction contract for the Fiber Extension to the Water Resource Recovery Facility Project. Smith seconded it. In discussion, Ripperger recommended awarding the bid to the lowest, most responsible bidder, Murphy Tower Services, for the full amount, including bid alternates. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Forbush, White, Voigts, Rozga and Smith. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

In the Communications Utility update, Ripperger stated the approval of the contract and bond with Murphy Tower Services would be on the next agenda. He also reported on installations for the month of February.

The Board selected Lori Smith as Chairperson and Deb White as Vice Chair for 2022.

In other business, General Manager Chris Des Planques provided an update on the solar contract and possible legislation that could impact the project. He also reported he had testified to the State Senate Subcommittee regarding a bill that clarifies how a Board of Trustee member can be removed from their appointment. Des Planques also said he is working on an RFP for legal services.

The proposed operation and maintenance budget for Fiscal Year 23 was presented. Included in the budget are infrastructure projects, employee training, electric and water rate increases, shared services with the City, health insurance rate increases and a cost of living increase for employees. The public hearing for the Fiscal Year 23 budget will be held at the February 28 meeting.

The Board discussed content in the newsletter and when information should be released.

White moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and Smith seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

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Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Jackie Raffety, City Clerk