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

May 23, 2022
5:30 PM
City Hall Council
Chambers Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on May 23, 2022, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Lori Smith called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Deb White, Lesley Forbush, Lori Smith, Mike Rozga, and Adam Voigts. Absent: None.

Public Comment

Brian O'Neill introduced himself as the primary contact for IMU at Dickinson Law Firm. There were no other public comments offered.

Consent Agenda:

Voigts moved to approve the consent agenda with a correction in the minutes of the meeting date to May 9 and 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 Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior board meeting.

Electric Utility Informational Items

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, discussed how energy demands during the summer could impact IMU, and the price of fuel futures.

Water Utility Action Items

Rozga moved to approve authorization for Warren Water District to serve a customer within their territory upon proper notice to IMU since the customer is within 2 miles of the IMU territory, located at 16001 Hwy 92. White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Utility Informational Items

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, reported the department is working on construction projects.

Communications Utility Action Items

Communications Director Kurt Ripperger explained the non-disclosure agreement is the first step in the NOFA Grant documents and has been reviewed by legal counsel. White moved to approve a Mutual Non-Disclosure agreement between NewCom Technologies Inc and Indianola Municipal Utilities, whereas the parties have an interest in participating in discussions where information shared with the other may be considered proprietary and confidential. Voigts seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Ripperger stated there will be numerous project phases with NewCom. The Technical Services Agreement provides an overview of how they will do business and communicate. The Request for Services will outline the fees for service. White moved to approve a Technical Services Agreement with NewCom Technologies Inc for the performance of professional consulting services. Rozga seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Ripperger explained the Request for Services is for engineering services for the City's Water Resource Recovery Facility and the county building and does not include other phases. He noted that the price may vary depending on the charges from the Army Corps of Engineers. Voigts moved to approve a Request for Services - RS No 1 “Network Extensions: NOFA Grants 43351 and 43353” in the amount of $44,489 for the engineering design, bid package prep and construction review of phases 1, 2 and 3 of the North Project and the County Connection phase of the South Project. White seconded it. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Ripperger reported a meeting was held with NewCom and Pella for the transport route project and the bid package will be posted in June.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

General Manager Chris DesPlanques reported on MEAN Board and committee meeting items, including approval of the Integrated Resource Plan, year-end financials, and energy demands over the summer. He also provided an update on the solar project and will provide the Board with a project timeline.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 PM on a motion by White and seconded by Rozga. 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, Clerk