



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

January 23,
2023

5:30 PM

City Hall Council
Chambers 110 N 1st St,
Indianola, IA Minutes

Call to Order

The Indianola Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 PM on January 23, 2023, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Lori Smith called the meeting to order and on roll call the following members were present: Dom Selgrade (via phone), Deb White, Lori Smith, Mike Rozga and Adam Voigts. Absent: None.

Public Comment

Ben Reeves, 302 N Kenwood, thanked Water Department Superintendent Lou Elbert for his service.

Consent Agenda

Rozga moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Voigts seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda was as follows.

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the January 5 and January 9 Board of Trustees meetings
- Resolution 2023-002 setting a public hearing for February 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. regarding the Fiscal Year 24 budget.

Electric Utility Informational Items

Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf provided an update on the westside substation repairs and the status of a pickup truck on order.

Water Utility Action Items

The Resolution approving salaries appoints Justin Brand as Interim Water Superintendent due to the retirement of Lou Elbert, after 43 years of service. General Manager Chris Des Planques presented Elbert with a plaque.

Voigts moved to approve Resolution 2023-003 approving salaries and White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Utility Informational Items

Elbert stated the department is working on basic plant maintenance.

Communications Utility Informational Items

Telecommunications Director Kurt Ripperger provided an update on the Pella - IMU transport route

project.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Action Items

Des Planques explained a proposed agreement between IMU and the Salvation Army that would help residents pay their utility bills. The Board directed staff to draft an agreement and to provide notice to the City of Indianola of the proposed agreement.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items

Des Planques stated he attended the MEAN Board of Directors meeting where it was decided that there would be no wholesale rate increase next year. He also provided an update on the shared services agreement with the City of Indianola.

Board Member Selgrade left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Other Business

Rozga moved to enter into closed session at 6:04 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. White seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rozga and seconded by Voigts at 7:30 p.m. to exit the closed session. On roll call, the vote was AYES: White, Smith, Rozga, Voigts. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously. No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. on a motion by White and seconded by Rozga. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Lori Smith, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Jackie Raffety, City Clerk