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

March 27, 2023
5:30 PM
City Hall Council Chambers
110 N 1st St. Indianola, Iowa
Minutes

Call to Order
The Indianola Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees met in regular session at 5:30 PM on March 27, 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, Deb White, Lori Smith, Mike Rozga. Absent: Adam Voigts.

Public Comment
There were no public comments offered.

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

- Approval of Claims
- Approval of Minutes of the prior meetings
- Resolution 2023-013 approving salaries

Electric Utility Action Items
Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2023-014 approving the purchase of a skid steer mounted core drill and White seconded it. In discussion, Electric Superintendent Mike Metcalf stated the drill is needed for directional drilling and will last for one season. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Electric Utility Informational Items
Metcalf reported the Electric Department is seeking bids for a portable air compressor and has been installing conduits on the Square Reconstruction and Industrial Park Improvement projects.

Water Utility Action Items
Board Chair Smith opened the public hearing regarding the proposed increase to the water utility rates. No public comments were offered. The Chairperson then closed the public hearing.

Selgrade moved to approve Resolution 2023-015 adopting Municipal Water Utility rates and charges and White seconded it. In discussion, General Manager Chris Des Planques stated the proposed changes to the rates, the expenses the increased revenue will cover, and showed the rate comparisons with other municipalities. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Water Utility Informational Items
Water Superintendent Justin Brand stated the department is working on the Square Reconstruction and Industrial Park Improvement projects; Well 11 repairs are scheduled for next week; and they are hiring for a Grade 1 Water Operator.

Communications Utility Action Items
Board Chair Smith opened the public hearing regarding proposed telecommunication rate increases. No public comments were offered. The Chairperson then closed the public hearing.

White moved to approve Resolution 2023-016 adopting Municipal Communications Utility commercial rates and charges and Rozga seconded it. In discussion, Des Planques noted that the proposed change is a five dollar increase in the Expanded Package. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Rozga moved to approve Resolution 2023-017 adopting Municipal Communications Utility residential rates and charges and Selgrade seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Communications Utility Informational Items
Telecommunications Director Kurt Ripperger reported on fiber installations, the NOFA Project and the Pella Transport Project.

Combined Electric, Water and Communications Informational Items
Finance/HR Director Chris Longer stated IMU is planning an RFP for investment services. Current investment funds have been removed from Bankers Trust and deposited with TruBank. Staff has also been working on insurance renewals.

Des Planques stated the next agenda will include consideration of the approval of a contract with the Salvation Army.

Other Business
Rozga moved to enter into closed session at 5:56 PM in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Selgrade seconded it. On roll call, the vote was AYES: Selgrade, White, Smith, Rozga. NAYS: None. Whereas the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Rozga and seconded by White. 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