UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Present: Jan Kahler, Aaron Eltrich, and Megan Andresen
Absent: Abby Gehl and Robert Herring

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to approve the agenda. All Ayes

Motion by Eltrich and seconded Andresen to approve the minutes. All Ayes

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to open the Public Hearing regarding the Budget for Calendar Year 2026. All Ayes by Roll Call.

There was no in person audience members to make comments and Mr. Kahler ask General Manager Chris Krogman if there had been any oral or written comments made prior to this hearing, and Mr. Krogman stated none had been received.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to closed the Public Hearing regarding the Budget for Calendar Year 2026. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on the Budget 2026. Mr. Krogman noted one change (increase to the line item of Purchase Power based on projected cost of power) to the budget being presented from the proposed budget that was discussed at the October board meeting. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to approve Resolution No. 2024-6, A Resolution Adopting the Budget for Calendar Year End December 31, 2026. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Manager Chris Krogman presented to the board an update on the Power Plant 2 Project. The project to upda the engines at Plant 2 for compliance and emissions in order to run and receive capacity from WPPI Energy is now complete. A cost analysis detailing the original estimates/quotes of the project, the actual costs of the project, and the estimated project profitability was discussed. Mr. Krogman said based on projected capacity payments, it would take about 3.5 years for capacity payments to pay for the initial cost of the project (not taking in account for cost of annual maintenance).

Discussion was held on the possible motion to approve the 2026 board meeting dates for MMEU. Mr. Krogman stated he is looking to attend more of the Executive Committee meetings of WPPI Energy (looking to apply to fill one the open seats in the next few years). The EC meetings are on Wednesday, so looking to move the MMEU monthly board meetings from the 3rd Wednesday of the month to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The only expectation for 2026 would be in September, due to the annual meeting of WPPI, moving the MMEU meeting to the 4th Tuesday of that month. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to approve the 2026 MMEU Board Meeting dates as presented. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on the holiday office hours for Christmas. MMEU is closed for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as holidays, as well as New Year's Evey and New Year's Day. This year, the days fall on a Wednesday and Thursday. The MMEU line crews and power plant crews are planning to use vacation time on both Fridays (Dec. 26th and Jan 2nd) to be off. It is understood if there are calls and/or emergencies those days, any call-in hours would be on regular time. The office is looking at doing the same for Dec. 26th (the office will be open Jan. 2nd). After the discussion, the board had no issue with closing the office an extra day.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to approve the claims as presented.
All Ayes by Roll Call.

Budget discussions were held and Manager Krogman briefly went over the current standing of the 2025 budget numbers.

Manager Reports were presented.
Matt Buck – Dylan Knudston has passed the last test for his journeyman, but is in need of hours to finish his certification. Miguel Lopez and Will Lindecker are in year 4 of the apprenticeship and Kelden McCombie has just started the apprenticeship program. Crews worked on projects related to the downtown and green space area.
AJ Bowman –2 crew members went to an IAMU class that focused on machinal training.
Leesa Budde – None.
Chris Krogman – had a meeting with the auditor to discuss the start of the 2025 audito and will be conducting a more in-depth questionnaire with the board chair rather than all board members.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to adjourn. All ayes to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary Jan Kahler, Chairperson