UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 18, 2024

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

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to approve the agenda. All Ayes

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Discussion was held on making a first amendment to the current Amended and Restated Agreement Related to Purchase of Member Generation Out with WPPI Energy. This is the agreement between MMMEU and WPPI Energy for purchase of energy capacity available by MMEU's Power Plant engines, and purchase of actual energy produce by such engines. The current amended agreement only includes engines at Power Plant 1, and the proposed first amendment is adding the 4 units at Power Plant 2. Upon completion of the Power Plant 2 project these units will be NESHAP compliant and available for capacity payments. Motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to approve "First Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement Related to Purchase of Member Generation Output with WPPI Energy.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held on changing MMEU office hours to 7:30 to 4:00. Manager Krogman discussed with the board about changing the office hours; current office hours are 7:30 to 4:30, with one staff member coming in early to open (and leaving on corresponding days), and other staff working 8:00 to 4:30. Office staff was looking to change to be more similar to the City's hours (City office is open to the public 8:00 to 4:00), and also noting actual foot traffic after 4:00 has been lower, since returning to all normal functions after COVID, and offering other ways for customer pay and conduct business (online payments, email forms, etc). After discussion, motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to change MMEU office hours to 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held on Resolution 2024-7, A Resolution Adopting an Electric Reliability Plan for Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility. Manager Krogman explained this is an annual requirement by the Iowa Utilities Board to have a reliability plan in place. This new plan for 2025 is the same as in years past, with updated dates. Motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl to approve Resolution 2024-7, A Resolution Adopting an Electric Reliability Plan for Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held on the MMEU board meeting dates for 2025. Normal monthly meeting date for the board meeting is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Manager Krogman stated most dates for the year should not be issue, expect for September due to other meetings plan for some MMEU staff. After discussion, motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl to approve MMEU Board Meeting dates (3rd Wednesday of the month) with a change in Sept to the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on the non-bargaining unit employee wage increase for 2025. Manager Krogman explained this includes the office staff, general manager, and plant & distribution superintendents. After discussion, motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl to approve a wage increase for the non-bargaining unit employees to be the same percentage as the union employees under the contract.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held on including IPERS Information in future audits. Manager Krogman explained MMEU staff met with the new auditor and this discussion point was brought up. It is information on the standing of IPERS annually put out by the state; it has been included in MMEU's audits in the past, but the new auditors have noted that is not required to be included. It is not an issue to have it included, but could have a possible delay on the completion of the audit, as the numbers are generally not released by the state until April. After discussion with the board, a general thought was not to included the information in the audit if it is available elsewhere.

Claims were presented to the board. There was a question about a claim for a tree trimming class. Manager Krogman explained MMEU hosted the event to have an arborist come in to give training on how to cut trees and other related information. Other utilities did have employees attend. MMEU billed out split cost for the class. MMEU employees haven't had this type of training in a number of years and found it to be most informative. Motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl 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 2024 budget numbers.

Manager Reports were presented.
Matt Buck – Distribution crews have been working on maintenance work and will beginning on tree trimming work in the next month.
AJ Bowman – Noted the catalyst work was done at Power Plant #2, and the initial numbers from the stack test were good, and actual running numbers seem to be higher than expected by removing old silencers.
Leesa Budde – None.
Chris Krogman – stated he will be attending the WPPI board meeting on 12/19/2024 and will sign the first amendment to the capacity agreement as discussed earlier in the meeting.

Motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl to adjourn. All ayes to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary