UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4-17-2024

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

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:36 pm

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

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Discussion was held on Resolution No 2024-3, A Resolution Providing a Waiver for Contribution in Aid of Construction for the new Family Dollar service. Manager Krogman stated this new service is for Family Dollar's chiller/air conditioning unit. This contribution in aid agreement follows MMEU's standard contribution in aid of construction formula. The cost of the service is $82,0068.27 and the calculation of the credit is $70,000. Motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to approve Resolution 2024-3, A Resolution Providing a Waiver for Contribution in Aid of Construction for the new Family Dollar service. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on Resolution No. 2024-4, A Resolution Requesting the City Council of the City of Maquoketa Declare an Exemption to the Municipal Utility Transfer Replacement Tax for Certain Transfers by the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility. Manager Krogman explained that the Iowa Department of Revenue requires municipal utilities to report information on surplus transfers made to the city; this dates back to a time where the state was looking at allowing freedom of choice between electrical companies. Investor-owned utilities wanted to look at paying lower property taxes to be more competitive with this proposed change. The freedom of choosing did not pass, this information is still reported to the Department of Revenue. MMEU has always reported the old 2% "franchise fee" on this report as a surplus transfer. With the new structure 5% City franchise fee implemented, it is a true franchise fee and not a surplus transfer. MMEU's attorney recommended, with this franchise fee change, that a resolution should be passed for clarification and support the exemption of the municipal utility transfer replacement tax in reporting. Motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to approve Resolution No. 2024-4, A Resolution Requesting the City Council of the City of Maquoketa Declare an Exemption to the Municipal Utility Transfer Replacement Tax for Certain Transfers by the Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to approve the claims as presented. All Ayes by Roll Call

Budget discussions were held. Manager Krogman noted the sale of the transmission went through and was reflected in revenues now.

Manager Reports:
Matt Buck, Distribution – crews have been working maintenance construction work

AJ Bowman, Power Plant – A retired Fairbanks Morse engine tech came and worked on some of the engines at the Power Plant
Chris Krogman, General Manager- Stated the sale of the transmission to ITC is now completed. MMEU and City met together with the insurance agent to go over the renewal and the overall prices went up about 12%, which is less than was expected with claim history and the current insurance market and prices. MMEU did lose a journeyman due them taking a job back with the union.

Motion by Gehl and seconded by Herring to adjourn the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary