UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
08/21/2024

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

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:42 pm

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

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

No Old Business to discuss

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Gehl to open the public hearing on proposed plans, specs, and form of contract for Plant 2 Emission Controls Upgrades Project. All Ayes by Roll Call. No one was present for the public hearing and MMEU staff stated no formal comments regarding the project for the public hearing have been received. Motion by Herring and seconded by Gehl to close the public hearing. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion on approving Resolution 2024-5 – A Resolution Making the Award of a Contract for the Plant 2 Emission Control Upgrades Project for Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility was held. Manager Krogman gave an update on the current status of the project including funds already spent. A rough estimate given by the engineers for the emission control upgrades in October 2022 was thougth to be around $400,000. Bids were open on Monday, August 19 and a total of 3 bids were received. Farabee Mechanical initial bid is $543,011, with a completion date of 3/1/2025. Farabee also submitted an alternative option bid (using older units that have never been used) for a total of $399,011 with a completion date of 12/31/2024. Tricon General Construction, Inc submitted a bid of $477,800 with a completion date of 12/31/2024, but after engineering review, some mathematical errors were discovered making an adjusted bid of $578,078. WRH, Inc submitted a bid of $1,054,000 with a completion date of 5/31/2025. Discussion on the bids and differences were held. The engineer did issue a letter of recommendation for Farabee Mechanical alternative bid of $399,011. Motion by Herring and second by Gehl to approve Resolution 2024-5 – A Resolution Making the Award of a Contract for the Plant 2 Emission Control Upgrades Project for Maquoketa Municipal Electric Utility to Farabee Mechanical, Inc and the alternative bid of $399,011. 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 Reports:
Matt Buck, Distribution – Crews have been doing regular maintenance work and also started the project to move the power line by the river in regards to the water treatment project.
AJ Bowman, Power Plant – Crews have been doing upgrade work at Plant 2

Chris Krogman, General Manager- noted the windstorm that hit Maquoketa in May has qualified for FEMA funds. MMEU's costs for the event, which were mostly labor and equipment, can be submitted for reimbursement. Estimated cost is $25,000. Also reminded the board the September board meeting is a week earlier, on 9/11/2024.

The board did as ask about the status of the grant for reliability project. Manager Krogman stated a request of qualifications to the engineers is required as part of the project/federal grant process to get engineer costs reimbursed.

Motion by Andersen and all ayes to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary