UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 15, 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 Elrich and seconded by Andresen to approve the minutes. All Ayes

The first item of business was Election of Officers.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to keep all officers the same as in 2024:

Jan Kahler as Chairperson

Aaron Eltrich as Vice Chairperson

Megan Andresen as Secretary.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held from a tabled discussion from December about including IPERS info on future audits. Manager Krogman gave the board more information about not including the IPERS information. The City of Maquoketa doesn't include this information on their audit; the new auditors will still audit MMEU's contributions into the IPERS fund, and the IPERS information is available online. After board discussion, there was agreement that there was not a need to include the IPERS information.

Discussion was held on purchase of a new Hydro Vac. MMEU employees were able to demo Hydro Vacs from two different companies, Ditch Witch and Vermeer. The Ditch Witch quote was $109,531 and the Vermeer quote was $104,646. Due to some of the design aspects of the Ditch Witch model and good history with local service department (Davenport), the lineman prefer the Ditch Witch model. The board was okay with the Ditch Witch model. One option that will be added on, not included on the quote, is additional strobe lights. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to approve the purchase of a new Hydro Vac from Ditch Witch as quote and with an option for additional strobe lights. All Ayes by Roll Call

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

Budget discussions were held with a review of year end numbers for 2024.

Manager's Reports
AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent, stated crews are doing annual maintenance and cleaning tasks.
Leesa Budde, Office Manager, stated work with the new auditors have become.
Chris Krogman, General Manager gave an update from Matt Buck (who could not attend) that distribution crews begin tree trimming in zones 1 and 5 soon.

Motion by Eltrich to adjourn the meeting at 5:48p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary