UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 17, 2024

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

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:37 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 Herring and seconded by Andresen to keep all officers the same as in 2023:

Jan Kahler as Chairperson

Aaron Eltrich as Vice Chairperson

Megan Andresen as Secretary.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent gave an annual outage report compared to 2022.

Manager Krogman presented to the board that the city has plans to make improvements to the Green Space location, such as constructing a permanent stage and restroom. Josh Bolt, Maquoketa City Manager was present to discuss the project and the grant the city is applying for. The City is asking for an in-kind donation from MMEU for support of project. The City is asking MMEU to bury all overhead lines from the rear of the Voy Theater to the southeast corner of the Smiles on Mail building. MMEU's preliminary estimate for the cost of this work is $60,000 including labor cost. Discussion was held on MMEU's in-kind donation. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to pledge in kind donation of labor cost, not to exceed $25,000 for the City's Green Space project. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on changing the holiday pay/days off for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve for MMEU employees. Manager Krogman discussed the possibility of changing the current holiday pay of a half a day for each Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, to a full day for each holiday, to match what the City of Maquoketa has currently. After discussion, board members choose to table the issue to next month.

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

Budget discussions were held with a review of year end numbers for 2023.

Manager's Reports
Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent, stated the linemen have started tree trimming in certain sections in town; it had been delayed due to the weather and other projects.
AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent, stated they have been working on regular maintenance work and repair for the distribution crews.
Chris Krogman, General Manager informed the board the Transmission Line sale documents have been signed and are in the 60 day waiting period for FERC. MMEU is also looking at applying for a federal grant for grid resilience projects. Also stated, MMEU has 2 old trucks for sale on the bidding site GovDeals.com in the month of January.

Motion by Eltrich to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary