UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

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

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

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

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

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to open the Public Hearing regarding the Budget for Calendar Year 2025. All Ayes by Roll Call.

There was no in person audience members to make comments and Mr. Eltrich ask general manager Chris Krogman if there had been any oral or written comments made prior to this hearing, and Mr. Krogman stated none had been received.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to closed the Public Hearing regarding the Budget for Calendar Year 2025. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on the Budget 2025. Mr. Krogman noted a few changes to the budget being presented from the proposed budget that was discussed at the October board meeting. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to approve Resolution No. 2024-6, A Resolution Adopting the Budget for Calendar Year End December 31, 2025. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on approving an agreement with a new auditor. Mr. Krogman informed the board that MMEU's current auditor, Garman and Meade has informed MMEU they will no longer be doing municipal audits in the future. A RPV was sent out to several auditors, some of which were recommended by Garman and Meade. The 2 quotes MMEU received were from Sikich and Baker Tilley. Baker & Tilley's quote for the first year was $21,000 and increase for year 2 and 3. Sikich's quote for the for the first year was $15,000 and an increase for year 2 and 3. Sikich is the audit firm that currently does the City of Maquoketa's audit and had good recommendations from Josh at the City. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to approve a 3 year agreement with Sikich for auditing purposing for MMEU. All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion was held on the purchase order of a new ¾ Ton Power Plant Plow Truck. Mr. Krogman stated a bid proposal for the new truck was sent out to Brad Deery Motors, Rotman's Motor Company, and by chance, a representative from McGrath Auto, who stopped by offering sales services. Of the bid requests that were sent, MMEU received one from Rotman's Motor Company and McGrath Auto. After reviewing the initial bids, each was asked about some different things to make the bids more comparable within the specs. The final bids had McGrath Auto at the lowest with Rotman's Motor Company second, the difference being about $900. Mr. Krogman ask the board for decision, noting even through McGarth was lower, MMEU

does have a purchase policy to try to remain local, and did not believe difference was enough to sway decision. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to order a new ¾ ton Power Plant Plow Truck with the added option portion of the quote from Rotman's Motor Company.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring 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 – crews worked on inspection items including replacing poles. Also gave an update with pictures of the distribution shop work that was done on the drainage ditch.
AJ Bowman – There was a water leak on a generator at the main plant, and repair work is being done. Farabee Mechanical has been doing work at Plant 2.
Leesa Budde – None.
Chris Krogman – MMEU has officially been notified that we have been awarded the grant for the Resiliency Project from the state. Chris, Matt, AJ, and the Power Plant employees got to tour the Fairbank Morse facility in Beloit, WI.

Board member Megan Andresen asked if we will do some type of press release/publicity for the grant award. Manager Krogman stated will work with ECIA to make sure the proper guidelines are used in any press release/publicity.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to adjourn. All ayes to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary Jan Kahler, Chairperson