UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 17, 2026

Present: Jan Kahler, Aaron Eltrich Megan Andresen, Abby Gehl, and Robert Herring
Absent: None

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

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

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

Discussion took place on the purchase of the budgeted new skid loader. Admin Clerk Leesa Budde told the board MMEU had the quotes back for the purchase of a new skid loader that has been budgeted for this year. Ms. Budde went over the balance of the Heavy Equipment Fund that this purchase will come out of; the balance will be $116,000 after the annual budget transfer to the fund, but prior to this purchase. Distribution Superintendent Matt Buck went over the 3 quotes that included a JCB Teleskid for $91,500, a JCB Track Loader for $74,500 and a Bobcat Track Loader for $84,000. All distribution employee tested the models and collectively decided on the JCB Track Loader as their desired option. The trade in value of MMEU's current skid loader is $25,000. The plan is to list the old skid loader on Gov Deals with a reserve to see if more can be obtained on it. The group had a brief discussion on having two skid loaders (keeping the old while purchasing a new one). Mr. Buck stated, while that idea is nice, he didn't feel the cost of maintenance outweighed the benefits; plus the City does have a skid loader MMEU can borrow if needed in certain cases. The Board supported the purchase of the JCB Track Loader for $74,500. Chairperson Kahler stated since the purchase was budgeted already, there was no need for a motion for the purchase.

Ms. Budde noted one change on the presented claims: the last claim to Steel Mart is for steel for the gates at Distribution, not the Power Plant as noted on the list.
Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Herring to approve the claims as presented
All Ayes by Roll Call

Manager's Reports
Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent, stated line crews are still are working on tree trimming and getting ready to do some construction projects as the weather starts to get nicer.
AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent, stated crews are working on a few minor repairs after the scheduled run they did in late January and also are working a gate for the Distribution shop.
Leesa Budde, Admin. Clerk, state that Manager Chris Krogman was absent from the meeting as he was attending the IAMU Energy Conference in Des Moines and will be gone part of the following week for the Legislative Rally in Washington DC with other WPPI members and staff. Also noted the field work for the audit was completed and waiting on the final report from the auditors. Also mentioned the Power Plant did get called to run Plant 1 on January 29th by WPPI

because of the cold weather; the reimbursement from WPPI will be credited in March, not in February, due to the natural gas bill not coming until late February for this run.

Motion by Eltrich to adjourn the meeting at 4:47p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary