UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 18, 2025

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

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to approve the minutes from the May 21st, 2025 All Ayes. *(Abby Gehl entered the meeting)*

Mark Lyon was present to speak during the audience participation. Mr. Lyon is the owner of the Maquoketa Brewery and wanted to voice his frustrations over the recent maintenance outages that affected his business. Mr. Lyon stated he understood the need for such work to be done, but was concerned with the lack of communication between the utility and business owners, specifically when the planned outage ran longer than originally expected and little or no updates were made to the business owners. Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent, apologized for the frustration, and stated MMEU makes attempts to notify all who are affected by a planned outage prior, first attempts by knocking on doors and posting doors if contact is not made. Mr. Buck did note these planned outages did run over the estimated times due to unforeseen forces; MMEU crews did attempt to go around to let affected customers know at the time – depending on if the business was open or staff was available to receive the message.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Gehl to open a public hearing for Proposed Plans and Specs and Form of Contract for Furnishing Electric Materials for Industrial South Substation Resiliency Project. Manager Krogman stated the public hearing is part of the formal process to accept the bids. No one was present to make comments and Manager Krogman noted there were no written or oral comments presented to MMEU prior to the hearing. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Herring to close the public hearing.

Discussion on the received bids for the electrical materials for the Industrial South Substation Resiliency Project was held. Manager Krogman went over the bids received from WESCO and RESCO. WESCO was the only company to fully bid on all the components of the specs, and they were lower than RESCO's bids. Motion by Herring and seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution 2025-2 A Resolution Making the Award of a contract for Furnishing Electrical Materials for the Industrial South Substation Resiliency Project (awards the contract to WESCO based on their bids as listed). All Ayes by Roll Call.

Claims were presented. Motion by Andresen and seconded by Gehl to approve the claims as presented.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Budget discussions were held.

Manager's Reports
Matt Buck, Distribution Superintendent – Talked about the projects the crews have been working on Main Street, that has caused the planned outages, and moving the lines underground and cleaning up the line in the back alley.
AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent – crews have been working at Plant 2 and have worked a little for testing. Working on one engine that is down at Plant 2 currently.
Leesa Budde, Office Manager – nothing to report
Chris Krogman, General Manager – Just wanted to note and remind everyone that with the high temperatures and more energy usage, the cost of power is high and reflect on the PPA. Mr. Krogman also talked about his attendance at the APPA conference the week prior.

Board Member Andresen said she was approached by an owner of the downtown business and wanted to express their appreciation of the MMEU crews during the project and they were happy with crews professionalism and diligence.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 4:56p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary