UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
July 16, 2025

Present: Jan Kahler, Megan Andresen, Abby Gehl and Robert Herring
Absent: Aaron Eltrich
Chairperson Kahler 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 by Herring to approve the minutes from the June 18th, 2025 All Ayes.
(Abby Gehl entered the meeting)

Manager Krogman gave the board an updated on the Power Plant Repairs. Power Plant 2 engines have been up and running, and MMEU crews have been finding the engines run well in colder temperatures, but have some issues in hotter temperatures. One engine did incur a mechanical failure in June and MMEU is currently waiting for parts to do repairs. At Power Plant 1, one engine is also in need of repairs. The manufacturer is Fairbanks Morse, which have a high dollar price for their parts. AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent, has been shopping around to other outlets for a better price on parts. MMEU is hoping to have all parts and techs in to make the necessary repair for the URGE test that has to be done by the end of August. Mr. Bowman informed the board with more details including: awaiting several part components, expected mid-next week; alternative sourcing successful: spare gaskets obtained from a utility in Pennsylvania. Fairbanks technician scheduled to arrive early August to assist with project; temperature balancing of the engines and the cooling system limitations (current cooling systems may not support sustained operation at 1700 kW during hot weather, likely summer operating limit: 1550 kW. Engineering a new cooling system is under consideration, pending feasibility and cost analysis.)

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 -Crews finished up Roling acres project on the east side of town (changing old underground from the 70s to new underground) Crews are still working on inspection fixes and maintenance on the line; Lots of maintenance going on; hopefully within the next couple years to be all caught up.
AJ Bowman, Plant Superintendent – Crews have been busy tearing stuff apart for repairs and in hopes that everything is going in the right direction. The crew have been generating a few days,

some for WPPI and some for maintenance & good price point days. Predict they will be called to run again in the next week because of the hotter temperatures.
Leesa Budde, Office Manager – Nothing to report
Chris Krogman, General Manager – EMC Insurance did a walk through the power plant and most of the talk was about electrical maintenance plans. AJ Bowman and Mr. Krogman are going tomorrow to NFPA workshop in the morning on electrical maintenance. Language is changed in the code and the class will educate them on the changes.

Chairperson Kahler wanted to mention the line crews have good professionalism in the way they have presented themselves while working on Main St. projects.

Motion by Andresen and all ayes to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

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Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Megan Andresen, Secretary