

**UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 9, 2019**

Present: Jan Kahler, Aaron Eltrich, Andrea Jones, Megan Andresen, and Todd Seifert

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Motion by Seifert and seconded by Jones to approve the agenda. All Ayes

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Seifert to approve the minutes as presented. All Ayes

The first item of business was Election of Officers.

Moved by Seifert and seconded by Eltrich to elect Jan Kahler as Chairperson.

All ayes by roll call vote

Moved by Seifert and seconded by Andresen to elect Aaron Eltrich as Vice-Chairperson.

All ayes by roll call vote

Moved by Eltrich and seconded by Jones to elect Todd Seifert as Secretary.

All ayes by roll call vote

Discussion was held on the possible loan to the City of Maquoketa for the Pocket Neighborhood Infrastructure Project. This was a continuation of the discussion from the December board meeting. Board members discussed, that from the few members of the community they did hear from, the main consensus was they are not in favor of such a loan; and belief if MMEU has enough extra funds to do this, why are rates not being lowered. Another factor that was discussed, after legal review of a the proposed loan, by the structure of MMEU in relation to the City, the 'loan' would be considered a surplus transfer by legal standards, and there is no legal requirement for the City to repay the loan. David Heiar from the Jackson County Economic Development Alliance did speak on the issue of housing in Jackson County, and the possible role of Utility Entities in regards to new developments. After the discussion, Chairperson Kahler did not ask for a motion to approve a loan agreement.

Resolution No. 2019-1 approving payment of \$155,929.69 in franchise fees to the City of Maquoketa was considered. Moved by Seifert and seconded by Andresen to approve Resolution No. 2019-1 titled "Resolution Approving Payment of Franchise Fee to the City of Maquoketa".

All ayes by roll call vote

Motion by Seifert and seconded by Eltrich to approve the claims as presented.

All Ayes by Roll Call

Budget Discussion was held. 2018 Yearend totals showed a surplus of over \$450,000. Revenue from energy sales was down due to lower purchased power cost, but total kWh sold was up from 2017.

Manager's Reports – Danny Clark, Distribution Superintendent- 2 Linemen did retire the past month. Manager Krogman discussed the employment contract MMEU currently has with the union. There is a deadline to extend the contract of Feb. 8th. If not extended, MMEU would have to start over with a hand book. After discussion, board members were in favor of extending the contract, and asked Manager Krogman to start the process of extending it.

Motion by Seifert seconded by Andresen to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Todd Seifert, Secretary