

**UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
June 12th, 2019**

Present: Jan Kahler, Aaron Eltrich, Andrea Jones, Megan Andresen, and Todd Seifert (via telephone)

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

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

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

Discussion was held on testing of the decommissioned substation at Fifth Ward Park. The substation was decommissioned in 2015. There has been some questions raised by City of Maquoketa councilman Ron Horan, about the possibility of PCB contamination due to the age of the transformer used in the substation. MMEU has no reason to believe there is any contamination based on oil test results for the transformer, and no visual signs of any leaking or spills. The City was planning to have the site included under a grant program to test another site, but found out the substation does not qualify as part of the grant. MMEU obtained a quote of \$2,000 for testing the site. Manager Krogman asked input from the board on if they want to have the site tested, and stated again, there is no reason to believe there is any contamination. The board agreed that it is not necessary to test the site, and to work with the City to remove the fence and concrete so that the site can be used as part of the park.

Discussion was held on the purchase of the budget mini excavator. MMEU obtained quotes from Ditch Witch of Davenport and Roeder Brothers of Maquoketa for a budgeted \$30,000 mini excavator. The desired quote for a Bobcat is \$31,936 which includes a clamp and extra bucket not originally budgeted for. Motion by Todd and seconded by Megan to purchase the Bobcat Mini Excavator. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Discussion was held on updating the current Interconnection Agreement for Distributed Generation. Manager Krogman proposed a change to MMEU Interconnect Agreement for Distribution Generation, in regards to solar customers, changing from Net Metering to Avoided Cost. Under the current Net Metering Policy, MMEU acts as a battery for solar customers, as they get credit balance for energy they put back on the grid, and thus MMEU is paying a higher amount for energy compared to buying from the energy wholesaler. By updating to Avoided Cost, solar customers still get credit for extra energy that is put on the grid, but at the same rate energy is purchased from MMEU's wholesaler. Under the update, current solar customers would be grandfathered in for Net Metering for a certain time, maybe 10 or 15 years. The board asked Krogman to make the changes for board approval at the next board meeting.

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

All Ayes by Roll Call.

Manager's Reports --Chris Krogman – a customer, Hollander Sleep Products, filed for bankruptcy and MMEU is co-sharing an attorney with the City to handle any legal issues regarding the bankruptcy process; next month the auditor will be at the board meeting to present the annual audit.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andersen to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Todd Seifert, Secretary