

**UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS and via ZOOM
March 10, 2020**

Present: Jan Kahler, Aaron Eltrich, Megan Andresen, and Abby Gehl
Absent: Andrea Jones

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

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

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

Discussion was held on the Bid for the Lower Roof Section at Power Plant. \$130,000 has been budgeted for 2021 to replace the lower roof section at the power plant. When bids were requested originally for the Power Plant roof replacement, the lower section was bid as an alternate option. Only one company actually bid that section, Jim Giese Roofing, and that is the company that did the main section of the roof replacement last summer. MMEU went back to Jim Giese Roofing with some changes on certain aspects of the job, and asked to a requote. Jim Giese Roofing came back with a revised bid of \$70,257. Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Gehl to approve bid of \$70,257 from Jim Giese Roofing for replacement of the lower section roof at the Power Plant. All Ayes by Roll Call

Discussion on Distribution Superintendent Position was held. Danny Clark, Distribution Superintendent, has given his notice of retirement, on May 28, 2021. Danny has been with MMEU for 48 years. The position was posted internally, and Matthew Buck, MMEU journeyman, has been selected to fulfilled the position, starting in June. Matt Buck has been with MMEU since 2003. With the planned loss of a lineman, MMEU will look to start the process of hiring a lineman apprentice. This position opening will be posted internally first, for seven days, and then will open to outside applicants, with the specifications set the same as when the most recent apprentices that were hired.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to approve the claims as presented
All Ayes by Roll Call

Budget discussions were held.

Manager's Reports - Danny Clark, Distribution Superintendent, stated on his upcoming retirement, that he feels his replacement Matt Buck will be a really good fit for the utility. Boyd Schoenthaler, Power Plant Superintendent didn't have anything to report. Chris Krogman, General Manager – stated that City Hall has been open to the public since 3/1/21, only from noon – 4:00, and has been going well. Mr. Krogman also stated the Platt Street is about ready to start. The plan is to start the project on the West side of town. Mr. Krogman also gave an update on the affects of the recent cold weather/grid issues that happen in Texas, and the affects on the energy market. The market that MMEU is in through our energy service provider, WPPI, were not drastically affected by the event.

Board Members' Reports- Jan Kahler asked, with MMEU new billing system, how do customer go about paying online now. Manager Krogman went over the new online option for viewing utility accounts and paying online. The new system is called My Account, and a flyer for this website was in the most recent bill, and is linked on the MMEU website. Unfortunately, customers who have made payments online with the old system, will have to sign up again in the new My Account website.

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to adjourn the meeting at 4:51p.m.

Chairperson, Jan Kahler

ATTEST:

Megan Andresen, Secretary