

**UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS and via ZOOM
April 14, 2021**

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

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

Motion & 2nd to approve the agenda. All Ayes

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Discussion and Possible Motion on Apprenticeship Program Agreement. Manager Chris Krogman said this has been discussed in the past at MMEU, but never implemented. The cost of training an apprentice lineman with linemen school is roughly about \$5,000 and that amount doesn't include cost of PPE, uniforms, time in training, etc. Manager Krogman said he has checked with other utilities about a similar agreement, when if the apprentice quits MMEU during the program, they have to repay MMEU a portion of fees/training, depending how they are with the utility.

Motion by Andresen and seconded by Jones to approve the Apprenticeship Program Agreement. All Ayes by Roll Call.

Abby Gehl joined the meeting.

Discussion on the Utility Rebate Payment Method. Currently, MMEU residential rebates for items such as central air, appliances, etc, are given to customers by Maquoketa Chamber Bucks. Commercial rebates are usually done by check to the customer. While the Chamber Bucks is a good program, it is a little more work to process. MMEU's new billing system has the ability to apply qualified rebates right onto the customer's utility account. Board member Andresen ask Manager Krogman to explain what rebates are available. Mr. Krogman went over the current residential rebates that MMEU offers that including LED lighting, certain Energy Star appliances purchases. The Board decided that this is a Management decision. Manager Krogman is going to look at transitioning rebates given to customers to MMEU from chamber bucks to bill credits.

Motion & 2nd to approve the claims as presented. All Ayes by Roll Call

Manager Reports were given

Motion by Eltrich and seconded by Andresen to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

/s/
Chairperson, Jan Kahler

ATTEST:

/s/

Megan Andresen, Secretary