

**UTILITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS and via ZOOM
August 18, 2021**

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

Chairperson Kahler called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

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

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

Dave Meade from Miner, Gilroy & Meade presented the results of 2020 audit. Mr. Meade stated the auditor's opinion was a clean opinion for the presented 2020 MMEU Financial Statements, and remind the board the basis of accounting is on a cash basis. Mr. Meade highlighted some differences in revenues and expenses. Overall there was a net change in cash net position of \$280,144 from 2019 to 2020.

Discussion on Whole Power Cost and Purchase Power Adjustment was held. July and August are the highest months of the year. Manager Krogman thought it would be a good time to give a reminder how the Purchase Power Adjustment (PPA) works in relation to the Whole Power Cost from WPPI, as the PPA is generally lower in the spring and fall, and higher in the winter and summer, when energy use, thus demand is higher. MMEU has a base cost for the PPA already built into the rate, and each month, based on the actual cost of the whole power cost from WPPI, the PPA is adjusted back on customers' bills; if the PPA is over the base rate, the PPA is a debit/charge on the customer's bill and, if under the base cost, the PPA is credited to the customer's bill. Overall, the PPA for all of 2020 came about an ½ of cent credit to the customer (per Kilowatt Hour use). Customer are expected to see a charge for the PPA on the upcoming bills along with higher usage due to the higher temperatures during the billing period. Board member Eltrich asked would it be beneficial to post just graphs that show the on-peak, off-peak, and super on-peak to show customers certain times where it is higher and minor adjustments could be made to help offset such times. Manager Krogman stated unless there is an incentive to the customers to change during these times, e.g. time of use rates, any changes probably would not have much impact on the super on peak times.

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 – stated the line crews are still pretty busy with the Downtown improvements, the Platt St. reconstruction and changing the new meters out. Also stated the new bucket truck had issues again.

Boyd Schoenthaler, Power Plant Superintendent – the power plant did run on Saturday, August 15th to carry the town's voltage for part of the morning as ITEC was doing some repair work on their substation just outside of town.

Manager Krogman- stated WPPI will pay for the fuel costs for the power plant run on August 15th as per to the terms of our capacity payment contact. Mr. Krogman stated an MMEU employee was involved in a vehicle accident with the MMEU pickup truck

Motion by Eltrich and Andresen seconded by to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Jan Kahler, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Megan Andresen, Secretary