

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
NOVEMBER 30, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at Muscatine Power and Water's Administration/Operations Building, 3205 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa, on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Steven Bradford called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Kevin Fields, Tracy McGinnis, Keith Porter, and Susan Eversmeyer.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water (MPW); Sarah Wienke, Acting Board Secretary; Brandy Olson, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck, and Doug White of MPW. Katie Rock, Jessica Brackett, Freedom Malik-Roberts, Charles Potter and Angie Johnson were present as members of the Muscatine community.

Chairperson Steven Bradford asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to make any public comments about items not on the Board agenda. There were no public comments.

The minutes of the October 26, 2021, regular meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee Porter moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, the October 26, 2021, meeting minutes be approved as submitted. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for October 2021 was presented as previously submitted to all Board members. After review and discussion of the expenditures, Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, to ratify payments of \$5,201,950.06 for the Electric Utility, \$601,532.37 for the Water Utility, and \$1,259,789.01 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$7,063,271.44. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston recommended Trustee Eversmeyer be appointed to the MAGIC Governing board effective January 1, 2022, for a two-year term to represent Muscatine Power and Water, with her term ending December 31, 2024. Trustee Bradford was thanked by Mr. Huston and the Board for his term of service on the MAGIC Board, which ends December 31, 2021. Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis, to appoint Trustee Eversmeyer to the MAGIC Board effective January 1, 2022, for a two-year term. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

The next agenda item was approval of the 2022 Operating Budgets. There are no changes to the budgets reviewed at the October 2021 Board Meeting. No comments were received from the public. Trustee McGinnis moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to approve the 2022 Operating Budgets for the Electric, Water, and Communications Utilities. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston stated the next agenda item also pertained to the 2022 Operating Budgets; Muscatine Power and Water is required by the Iowa Code to submit a summary of the Operating Budgets to the City Clerk, who then forwards the budget summary to Muscatine County for submittal to the State of Iowa Auditor. The budget certificate summary was presented as to all Board members and copies of the budget summary were also available for review by the citizens at Muscatine City Hall, Musser Public Library, and at MPW's Administrative/Operations Office before the November Board meeting. The budget public hearing was conducted earlier in the evening. The following resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION 21-25

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa that the annual Budget for the calendar year 2022, as set forth in the utility's Budget Estimate Summary and in the detailed budget in support thereof showing the estimated revenue and expenditure for said budget year is adopted, and the Secretary is directed to file the same with the Clerk of the City of Muscatine, Iowa.

Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer, that the said resolution should be passed, approved, and adopted this 30th day of November 2021. On roll call, Trustees Bradford, Porter, Fields, McGinnis, and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

In the General Manager's Report, Mr. Huston reviewed the cable programming contract renewals with Crown Media and NBCU and the recently submitted application for funding to receive additional funds for fiber expansion through the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program. Mr. Huston and Mr. Streck reviewed steps taken to ensure our well pumping capacity will allow us to reach peak demands projected for 2022. Mr. Huston also provided an update on the OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards as it relates to COVID-19 precautions in the workplace and a recently approved infrastructure bill passed by the federal legislature. Mr. Streck provided the board with an update on the construction progress of a new 161kV transmission line (Line 106 Project).

The October Financial Results Summary and October Financial Operating Statements and Balance Sheets for each Utility were reviewed by Mr. Roberts. He reviewed the dashboard and the Financial results Summary for each Utility.

There were no entries on the Competitive Quote for Public Improvements Report.

Mr. Huston reviewed the Monthly Project Status Report and Variance Analysis report.

Mr. Huston reviewed the November 2021 Departmental Reports.

Public comments were added by Freedom Malik-Roberts, Katie Rock and Angie Johnson.

Trustee McGinnis moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer to receive, and place on file the November 2021 Utility Reports. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Sarah Wienke
Acting Board Secretary