

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
SEPTEMBER 29, 2020 – 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, September 29, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

Chairperson Susan Eversmeyer called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Steven Bradford, Kevin Fields, Tracy McGinnis, and Susan Eversmeyer. Trustee Keith Porter was unavailable due to previously scheduled travel plans.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water (MPW); Brenda Christensen, Board Secretary; Charles Potter, Muscatine Journal; Erika Cox, Brandy Olson, Mark Roberts, and Doug White of (MPW).

Chairperson Eversmeyer asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to make any public comments. There were no public comments.

The August 25, 2020, public hearing and regular meeting minutes were presented for review. Trustee Bradford moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, the minutes from the August 25, 2020, public hearing and regular meeting minutes be received and placed on file. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for August 2020 were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis to ratify payment of \$7,552,558.33 for the Electric Utility, \$604,304.98 for the Water Utility, and \$1,001,864.06 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$9,158,727.37. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston introduced the next agenda item to the Board as a recommendation to approve Contract Change Order (CCO) No. 1 and accept as complete the contract for the CCR Landfill Partial Cover Project. This project was approved with the 2018 Budget for \$965,969 and revised at the June 2019 Board meeting to \$1,223,500. This project had a total of eight work change directives totaling \$14,284.19. Management recommended the Board approve CCO No. 1 and accept as complete the contract with DeLong Construction, LLC. for the CCR Landfill Partial Cover Project. After discussion and review, the following resolutions were submitted:

RESOLUTION 20-29

WHEREAS, Contract Change Order No. 1 has been prepared to said contract with DeLong Construction, LLC., for the CCR Landfill Partial Cover Project in the increased total amount of \$14,284.19 and said Contract Change Order has been reviewed by the Board, and Muscatine Power and Water Management has recommended approval of said Contract Change Order; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees that said Contract Change Order No. 1 in the increased total net amount of \$14,284.19 be approved for an amended contract price of \$1,072,844.19 for the CCR Landfill Partial Cover Project.

Trustee McGinnis moved, seconded by Trustee Bradford, said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 29th day of September 2020. On roll call, Trustees McGinnis, Fields, Bradford and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried. Trustee Porter was absent.

RESOLUTION 20-30

WHEREAS, it appears in a written report from Muscatine Power and Water Management that the contract with DeLong Construction, LLC., for the CCR Landfill Partial Cover Project in the final amount of \$1,072,844.19 has been substantially completed in accordance with the project specifications and the recommendation has been made that said contract be accepted by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa, that the CCR Landfill Partial Cover Project, furnished under the above-named contract be accepted and approved by the Board; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that five percent (5%) of the contract price be retained for a period of thirty-one (31) days from and after the date of resolution, all in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Iowa.

Trustee Bradford moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 29th day of September 2020. On roll call, Trustees McGinnis, Fields, Bradford and Eversmeyer voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried. Trustee Porter was absent.

In the General Manager's Report, Mr. Huston started his review stating MPW has taken significant steps recently to raise awareness about Electric Vehicles (EVs). He continued these vehicles provide an opportunity for local load growth and MPW has a strategy to increase EV adoption in the coming years and he then reviewed the MPW EV Incentive Plan. He also reviewed the options MPW is looking at for two additional charging stations being installed in downtown Muscatine thanks to a grant received from Volkswagen (VW) settlement for VW's violation of the Clean Air Act. Mr. Huston next communicated the helpdesk had settled into its new home and the new workspace was working out well. With the drought and water quality leaving one of Iowa's largest water utilities, Des Moines Water Works, struggling to find enough water to pump and having to advise area residents to begin conservation measures, questions had been asked about Muscatine's aquifer levels. Mr. Huston stated water conservation measures have not been implemented in Muscatine due to a natural, plentiful water resource, the Muscatine Island Aquifer. This aquifer is recharged by the Mississippi River and Muscatine Slough. The aquifer is a water-bearing, underground layer of porous sand and gravel, 40-145 feet deep, covering approximately 50 square miles in Muscatine and Louisa Counties and the water levels fluctuate so little there is no concern a short drought will affect the overall health of the aquifer.

Mr. Roberts reviewed the August 2020 Financial Operating Statements and Balance Sheets. Trustee McGinnis moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to receive and place on file the August 2020 Financial Operating Statements and Balance Sheets for the Water, Electric, and Communications Utilities. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The Competitive Quotes for Public Improvements Report had nothing listed for the month of August 2020.

The August 2020 Monthly Project Status Report was reviewed by Mr. Huston. Trustee Bradford moved, seconded by Trustee McGinnis to receive and place on file the August 2020 Competitive Quotes for Public Improvements Report. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston reviewed the August 2020 Departmental Reports and Ms. Cox provided a Fiber to the Home Project update. Trustee Bradford moved, seconded by Trustee Fields to receive and place on file the August 2020 Departmental Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Brenda Christensen
Board Secretary