

KEOKUK MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JANUARY 19, 2022

Present: Chairman Pro-Tem Hickey, Trustees Hausch, Long and Crenshaw.

The public was invited to attend the Go To Meeting by phone, computer or smart phone, as the office was closed due to COVID-19.

Chairman Pro-Tem Hickey opened the regular meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Crenshaw and seconded by Trustee Hausch, that the minutes from the previous meeting of December 21, 2021, be approved, as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Vouchers were reviewed and approved.

Mr. Maddox presented the Board with monthly charts and informed the Board of the work that has been done around the Plant. Mr. Maddox is in the process of getting prices from Miox on a new set of contracts. The price for chemicals has gone up substantially. They have had several employees out with COVID-19. They will need to start pinning fibers again when they return. Mr. Maddox noted that the river stage is low and frozen. This should help in the spring if we get any flooding. There were no safety issues to report.

Mr. Johnston presented the Board with monthly charts showing locates, service calls, meter installations, meters not sending out a read and water main breaks. The distribution shop just completed a Trench & Shoring class for certification. They had no safety issues this month. For the 2021 year, there were a total of 45 leaks.

Ms. Barnes discussed monthly financials, budget, operating expenses, and water sales to date. She also presented the budget for fiscal year 2022-2023, and asked for a resolution to set a public hearing date with the following resolution adopted, RES #1144, That February 23, 2022 at 2:30 P.M., is hereby set, as a public hearing date for the fiscal year 2022-2023 budget for the Keokuk Municipal Waterworks Office, at said time and date. The public is able to attend virtually. Instructions are provided on the February agenda on our website or you can call the office for details; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a sufficient number of copies of the detailed budget shall be available to meet the requests of the taxpayers and organizations, available at the offices of the Keokuk Municipal Waterworks, 20 N. 4th Street, Keokuk, Iowa; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of said hearing shall be published at least once in the Daily Gate City, a newspaper of general publication within the City of Keokuk, at least ten and not more than twenty days before the date of said hearing. Motion was made by Trustee Hickey and seconded by Trustee Crenshaw. Motion carried.

Mr. Bogner gave a meter update. He showed a graph with the number of faulty meters as compared to the meters installed. Mr. Bogner would like to endure the meter situation a little longer before a decision to move to another company is decided.

Mr. Bogner updated the Board on the drop box for the office and a new website service. He also discussed the contribution to the Keokuk Economic Development Corporation for the upcoming budget. He asked the Board about donating the same amount this year since it is currently in the budget.

Mr. Bogner shared with the Board, the Preliminary Budget Summary, the Preliminary Budget Costs and Preliminary Budget Capital. A detailed budget will be provided at the February Board Meeting. Mr. Bogner also discussed meter usage on industrial customers.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be a Public Hearing for the Board of Trustees, on February 23, 2022, at 2:30 P.M. For participation by phone or computer, instructions will be included on the agenda located on our website: www.keowater.com

Attest: _____
Secretary, David Bogner

Chairman Pro-Tem, Michael Hickey