

KEOKUK MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2022

Present: Chairman Boyd, Trustees Crenshaw, Hickey, and Long.

Chairman Boyd opened the special meeting.

Mr. Bogner discussed reserves, funding and debt, rates, city contributions, the capital forecast and execution with the Board.

Mr. Bogner presented the Board with a chart representing a five, seven, and ten percent increase to go into effect January 1, 2023, due to the recent closure of ADM and increase in chemical cost. Mr. Bogner recommended a seven percent increase; however, a ten percent increase would cover the expected budget and give cushion for unexpected projects. Even with the projected rate presented, we are still well below the Iowa average water cost in all for residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

Mr. Bogner discussed the contributions that are made to the City of Keokuk every year in lieu of taxes and their water usage.

Mr. Bogner went over the capital forecast discussing the cost for projects that will need to be done over the next ten years. He estimates an average of \$2 million per year, which is in line with historical spending. Mr. Bogner informed the Board that Keokuk is considered a “disadvantaged community” therefore there is grant money available to the Waterworks for certain projects. Federal funding is available through the State Revolving Fund and is administered by the IDNR. As a “disadvantaged community”, Keokuk should be eligible for 50% forgiveness up to a maximum of \$2 million dollars per project. The loan portion is at 2% interest plus a possible 0.5% origination fee for a 20 year term. Funds are available for five years beginning 2022, until depleted. A Municipal Advisor financial assessment and an engineer’s preliminary design would need to be completed prior to submitting for a grant. Interest free loans are available for detailed design and engineering and can be rolled into a larger loan if desired.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be Friday, October 28, 2022, at 1:30 P.M.

ATTEST: _____
David Bogner, Secretary

Kimberly Boyd, Chairman