

MINUTES
Decorah Municipal Electric Utility (MEU) Task Force
City Hall Council Chambers/ Electronic Meeting
Thursday February 3, 2022

Present: Task force members Carly Hayden Foster, Mark Lovelace, Andy Johnson, Larry Grimstsad, Karen McLean, Reg Laursen, and Kristine Jepsen were present. Also in attendance were Mayor Lorraine Borowski, City Manager Travis Goedken and City Council Liaison Steve Zittergruen.

- Meeting called to order at 9:15 AM by Chair Hayden Foster.
- M/S/P approval of January 6, 2022 meeting minutes
- Jim Martin Schram presented 2020 electric utility cost comparisons utilizing publicly available data from the Iowa Utilities Board.
 - Alliant's residential rate is \$0.1661/kWh which ranks it (from lowest to highest rate) 178/181 Iowa electric utilities. Decorah has 3,279 residential customers.
 - Alliant's commercial rate is \$0.1237/kWh which ranks it 127/175 electric utilities. Note: not all electric utilities have commercial rates. Decorah has 533 commercial customers.
 - Alliant's industrial rate is \$.0765/kWh which ranks it 33/112 electric utilities. Note: not all electric utilities have industrial rates. Decorah has 19 industrial customers.

Utilities revenues include both fixed and volumetric charges. Jim was not certain if the above data reflected fixed charges in addition to the volumetric charges.

- Karen McLean presented the draft plan for educational series 1 which would include four presentations including the area's investor-owned utility (Alliant), four Iowa MEU's, and a neighboring REC (MiEnergy).
 - Educational sessions will be held every 2-3 weeks with the goal of starting in March and finishing at the end of April 2022/early May 2022. 7 PM start time
 - Presenters would all respond to a standard question set.
 - Sessions will last approximately one hour.
 - Sessions to be held in City Council chambers and broadcast over Zoom to allow both in-person and virtual attendance. Virtual and in-person attendees will be able to ask questions during the Q&A portion of the session.
 - Sessions will be recorded to allow for later viewing.
 - Order of presenters will likely depend on availability of presenters.

- Response from IUB regarding City of Decorah complaint has not yet been received. City Manager clarified that the IUB has 30 days from the time of decision to notify the City. As of this date, a decision has not yet been made. Chair Hayden Foster asked that task force members keep their calendars open on Mondays and Thursdays at 9:15 throughout the remainder of February in case a response is received from the IUB. Once a response is received, she will call a task force meeting – even it is prior to our next scheduled meeting on March 3rd.

- Chair Hayden Foster said, following her submission of the Summary of MEU Task Force activities during 2021 to the City Council, she received a few notes from council members thanking the task force for its work.

- M/S/P – to adjourn at 10:16 AM.