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Decorah Municipal Electric Utility (MEU) Task Force

City Hall Council Chambers / Electronic meeting

Thursday January 6th 2022, 9:15am

The Thursday January 6th Decorah MEU Taskforce meeting was called to order at 9:18am. Andy Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the December 3 2021 meeting, Kristine Jepsen seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Taskforce members Carly Hayden Foster, Andy Johnson, Larry Grimstad, Larry Wilson, Reg Laursen, Kristine Jepsen, Karen McLean, and Mark Lovelace were in attendance. City Council Liaison Steve Zittergruen, Mayor Lorraine Borowski, and City Manager Travis Goedken were also present.

The taskforce chair opened discussion of Alliant's December 2021 letter in response to our letter to the IUB. City Council Liaison Steve Zittergruen clarified the IUB process, timeline, and likely deadlines the taskforce will need to be aware of if the taskforce wants to recommend the City take any action within the 14 day window that will open after the IUB responds to Alliant's letter dated December 22, 2021 with a settlement proposal.

Andy Johnson and Steve Zittergruen discussed the potential need for legal assistance if the city decides to respond to the IUB's proposal. Steve Zittergruen and Travis Goedke concurred that it would be best to wait to make a recommendation regarding funding for legal assistance until after we know the substance of the IUB's response. Karen McLean proposed reserving time for multiple potential meeting times so that the taskforce would be prepared to respond quickly, after the proposal from the IUB is received. Carly Hayden Foster agreed with that excellent suggestion. Discussion around potential meeting times ensued. Taskforce members agreed to reserve time at 9:15 am on Tuesday January 18th, Thursday January 20th, and Monday January 24th. The taskforce will actually meet at whichever **one** of those times most closely follows the receipt of the IUB's response (plus 24 hours notice of the meeting time). The taskforce will meet at that time to discuss the IUB's response and make a recommendation to city council regarding further action. The Decorah City Council will meet on the evening of January 24th to discuss this topic. Representatives from the MEU taskforce will present the taskforce's recommendation to the City Council at that time.

Additional future MEU Taskforce meetings are planned for the Thursday of every month at 9:15am, in city council chambers. Upcoming meetings will be held:

- a) February 3, 2021
- b) March 3, 2021
- c) April 7, 2021
- d) May 5, 2021

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50am.
(Carly Hayden Foster prepared the minutes.)