

## September 2021 Utility and Telecom Regular Board Meeting

The regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees for Alta Municipal Utilities and Alta Municipal Broadband Telecommunications Utility, City of Alta, Iowa was held at City Hall on September 14, 2021.

Chairman Clyde Bartel called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Present – Clyde Bartel, Todd Peterson, Gloria Sanders, Megan Schreck,  
Absent – Rob Hach  
Also, present – Jim Eaton, Tom Lane, Larry Suter  
Absent – Secretary of the Board of Trustees Randy Tilk

**AGENDA** There was an addition of “Approve Minutes of the August 30, 2021, Special Municipal Utility and Telecommunications Meeting” posted to the Trustee agenda at City Hall. Sanders made the motion to approve the agenda as amended. Seconded by Schreck. Ayes: All Nays: None

**UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES** Sanders moved to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021, Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Peterson. Ayes: All Nays: None

**SPECIAL UTILITY AND TELECOM MINUTES** Schreck moved to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2021, Special Municipal Utilities and Telecommunications meeting. Seconded by Sanders. Ayes: All Nays: None

**UTILITY CLAIMS LIST** The following bills were presented for approval:

<b>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Utilities</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AUG 21 PD SEPT 21</b>
Adair Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$14.00
Ahlers, Cooney, P.C.	Legal service	\$697.00
Alliant Energy	Service	\$143.14
Alta, City of	SW-LF-EL	\$43,071.56
Alta Municipal Utilities	Apply deposits to accts.	\$991.09
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$3,764.43
Altatec	Phone	\$278.18
Bankers Trust	September WS4	\$17,000.00
Bomgaars	Supplies	\$627.93
Bonnesen Plumbing	Service	\$20,700.00
Border States	Supplies	\$1,136.98
Buena Vista Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$242.00
Card Connect	Service fee	\$445.37
Card Member Service	Travel expense	\$197.90
Cass Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$18.00
Color-ize	Supplies	\$588.80
Community Oil	Fuel	\$509.11
Dallas Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$19.00

Delgado, Juan	Deposit refund	\$36.61
First Coop	Fuel	\$305.81
Foundation Analytical	Service	\$431.00
Grainger	Supplies	\$656.46
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals	\$4,974.92
Hirschman Auto	Supplies	\$557.43
Iowa Department of Revenue	Water excise tax	\$4,083.21
Iowa One Call	Service	\$36.00
J3Red Marketing	Service	\$15.00
JPW Technologies	Service	\$1,267.50
Langschwager, Mitch	Travel expense	\$120.00
Licca, Espiridion	Deposit refund	\$172.30
Madison Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$17.00
Marnin, Scott	Deposit/CR refund	\$566.69
Matt Parrott	Supplies	\$1,059.79
Melgar-Busby, Ashley	Deposit refund	\$300.00
Mike's Electronics	Service	\$488.60
Municipal Supply	Supplies	\$2,159.25
NeoTek	Service	\$504.92
NIMECA	FERC fees	\$306.70
NIMECA	July power	\$23,813.12
NIMECA	Property taxes	\$1,190.50
Office Elements	Supplies	\$143.03
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$68.98
Polk Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$6.00
Postmaster	Trust account	\$600.00
Pottawattamie Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$2,094.00
Redig's Gravel	Supplies	\$1,676.22
Smith, Pamela	Deposit refund	\$300.00
Storm Lake Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$144.38
Sutton, Cory	Flex reimbursement	\$580.00
Tilk, Randy	Travel expense	\$69.44
Treasurer State of Iowa	August sales tax	\$2,613.19
U.S. Bank	Copier contract	\$60.26
U.S. Cellular	Service	\$29.12
Van Wert Company	Supplies	\$4,762.98
Vector	Dues	\$4,306.67
Vermeer	Service/supplies	\$1,869.23
Wages	August	\$46,103.90
WAPA	July power	\$22,895.37
Wellmark	Insurance	\$1,273.61
Wesco	Supplies	\$9,099.10

**TOTAL AUG 21 PAID SEPT 21**

**\$232,202.78**

Sanders moved to approve payment of the utility claims as presented. Peterson seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Electric and Water Utilities were \$217,795.15.

TELECOM CLAIMS LIST The following bills were presented for approval:

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	FOR	AUG 21 PD SEPT 21
<b>Telecom</b>		
Alliant	Service	\$211.99
Alta Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$1,007.44
Altatec	Phone	\$328.62
Altatec	Internet DID line charge	\$1,666.08
Aureon	Calea/DA/transport	\$104.39
Bally Sports N	August access	\$1,425.00
Big Ten Network	August access	\$513.00
Buena Vista County E911	August	\$221.44
Buena Vista Co. Treasurer	Taxes	\$3,274.00
Card Connect	Service fee	\$445.37
Christiansen, Brian	Internet CR refund	\$5.50
Color-ize	Supplies	\$588.80
Community Oil	Fuel	\$141.29
Consortia	July service	\$975.00
Hahn, Janet	Phone CR refund	\$19.16
Iconnectiv	Assessment	\$156.84
Interstate TRS	Assessment	\$103.89
Iowa One Call	Service	\$36.00
J3Red Marketing	Service	\$15.00
Library of Congress	Royalty fee	\$67.00
Long Lines	Access	\$10,912.77
Lumen	DA	\$47.61
Mangold, Diane	CATV/Internet/Phone CR refund	\$160.58
McSparran, Stephanie	Service	\$67.50
MLB Network	July access	\$153.14
NCTC	August access	\$17,185.04
NeoTek	Service/supplies	\$1,291.52
Nexstar	July access	\$1,083.00
Oakhill Consulting	Service	\$2,278.00
Office Elements	Supplies	\$143.03
Pilot Tribune	Public relations	\$68.97
Showtime	August access	\$42.99
Smith, Pamela	Internet CR refund	\$12.84
Treasurer State of Iowa	August sales tax	\$2,341.13
United Bank	Telecom bond	\$1,960.22
U.S. Bank	Copier contract	\$60.24
Vector	Dues	\$4,306.66
Wages	August	\$20,569.96
<b>TOTAL AUG 21 PAID SEPT 21</b>		<b>\$73,991.01</b>

Sanders moved to approve payment of the telecom claims as presented. Schreck seconded the motion. Ayes: All Nays: None

Total revenues for the Telephone and Cable/Internet Utilities were \$71,700.79.

FINANCIAL REPORTS	The board performed a detailed review of the financial reports and power cost report. \$33,670.55 was credited back to the customers on the power cost adjustment last month and \$169,684.03 since January.
PUBLIC FORUM	<p>Suter requests a cost estimate of the underground electric conversion in the alley from E. 1<sup>st</sup> St to E. 6<sup>th</sup> St. and an overall estimate of total conversion cost estimate.</p> <p>Lane expressed a concern that the newspapers don't attend the AMU meetings. Chairman Bartel assured Lane that the newspapers are always invited to attend the AMU meetings and that they have done so in the past.</p> <p>Lane was concerned that he hasn't seen the AMU meeting minutes. Board member Peterson advised Lane the meeting minutes come out in the newspaper approximately a week after the AMU meetings.</p>
TABLED ITEMS	Due to the Secretary of the Board not being in attendance at the meeting, Agenda items #9, #10, #11, #12, #13, and #14 are tabled until the October meeting.
SUPPORT LETTER	Chairman Bartel read an email letter of support from Mayor Kevin Walsh that the manager and Board should not be distracted from the signatures on the petition and to stay focused on the tasks we've been entrusted to do by myself and Council. We will have a much better vision in a few months on what is or isn't next. Thank you everyone for the time you invest to make Alta Utilities a great asset to our community.
NEXT MEETING DATES	The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. at Alta City Hall.
MOTION TO ADJOURN	Motion made by Schreck to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m. Seconded by Sanders. Ayes: All Nays: None

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