

The special meeting of the Truman City Council was held May 6, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by PUC Hendricksen

Present: Councilors Ebert, Hendricksen, Mosloski, Nickerson, Mayor Brownlee, Bethanie Ekstrom, Nate Jones, Casey Crabtree, Kelly Dybdahl, Mike Malone, Judi Davis, Ron Kelley, Darla Wiederhoeft, Marty Carey, Scott Thiesen, Brian Anderson, Scott Reimer, Jack Cage, Derrick Greiner, Debbie Neitzke, Christopher Paul, Connie Krause, Nikki Meyer, Brooke Wolrobie

1. DISCUSSION

Dybdahl started the discussion by showing a video. Malone discussed who Heartland is and general about us information. Crabtree discussed how Heartland promotes economic development. Crabtree discussed growth incentives and new job creation adding how Lake Crystal has taken part in their incentives. Heartland also offers a Helpfund to obtain low interest loans. The also offer grants up to \$5,000.00. Other services include advocacy, cyber security, customer meetings, reporting requirements, customer visits. Heartland discussed their power supply and wholesale rates and transmission. Heartland compared transmission rates and discussed the idea of extending lines to connect to Excel. Heartland stated that this would be uneconomical. Heartland also discussed the benefits of having a municipal utility. Heartland opened up to questions. Kelley questioned rate studies. Heartland added that they have 3rd party resources that offer grants for rate studies. Demand rate was questioned and how we can lower our demand rate. Heartland suggested load management and charging correct rates for residential and commercial. Kelley questioned if the grants were only for electric related projects. Heartland advised they could be used for water and sewer as well. Wiederhoeft questioned the Energy one program and if it was only for new customers. Heartland advised that it is for new or expanding customers. Ebert asked if all customers are billed off peak rate. Heartland responded that all customers are billed the peak rate. Meyer questioned how Heartland plans to communicate with the community. Heartland responded that they use email, brochures, Facebook and Twitter. Ebert questioned an event from 2009 when the contract was extended. Heartland responded that the bonds go to 2041 which is the length of the contract. Wiederhoeft questioned a comment that Steve Moses had made which was give us two years. What does that mean? Dybdahl stated he couldn't answer for Moses but added that rates are stable and that adding more customers would lower the rates. Brownlee requested load management and how other communities have enforced it as we are struggling to get people to use it. Davis added that only 1/3 of the citizens are signed up for load management. Mosloski questioned if there would be a large savings if residential and commercial were to use load management. Heartland responded that for results residential should use load management and commercial should use load compositors. Meyer questioned how Heartland plans to communicate going forward. Heartland advised that they have a press release that goes to the utility. Meyer requested to be added to the email list.

15. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Kelley to adjourn. All yeas - carried. Time: 5:26p.m.

Bethanie Ekstrom, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer