

02/13/2023

The Special Joint Meeting of the Stuart City Council and Stuart Municipal Utility Board was called to order on the above date at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Cook and Utility Board Chairman Gulbranson. Present were Council Members Kalbach, Kirkpatrick, Morgan, Doely, and Renslow. Present were Utility Board Members Belden, Jones, Russell, and Avey. Also present were City Administrator Ashour, Utility Superintendent Howey, Deputy Clerk Stouffer, Glenn and Cheryl Woodard, Forrest Aldrich, Chip Schultz, Dustin Foster, Joey Litwiller, Jim Henderson, Allen Neal, Kory Guisinger, David Reha, Katie Guisinger, Mike Dickson, Josh Sebern, Warren Varley, Bob Cook, and Matt Funk.

Moved by Renslow, seconded by Morgan to approve the Agenda.

Roll Call: All Ayes

The Council and the Board discussed the proposal from Nate Westre of Main Street Marketing to promote the City of Stuart. The Council requested the Utility Board to consider contributing toward the cost of the agreement with Main Street Marketing. The Utility Board requested Nate Westre attend the next regular Utility Board meeting to make a presentation to the Board.

Stuart Economic Development Director Matt Funk made a presentation to the Council and the Board regarding the proposed MidAmerican Energy gas line extension to serve residents south of the interstate. Funk informed the Council and the Board that MidAmerican Energy is not interested in contributing toward the cost of the project. The City would be responsible for the cost of the installation.

The Council and the Board discussed the plans for improvements to the Sports Complex.

City Engineer Forrest Aldrich of Veenstra & Kimm made a presentation to the Council and the Board regarding the utility plans for the Wambold Phase 4 housing development. Aldrich informed the Board that the Utility has contributed to the cost of previous housing developments.

Glenn and Cheryl Woodard spoke to the Council and the Board to express their thanks for the assistance provided by utility workers Dustin Foster and Joey Litwiller. The Woodards stated that Foster and Litwiller's actions, and the quick response by the Stuart Police Department and Danny Claussen of the Stuart Rescue, saved Glenn's life, and they cannot thank them enough.

Adjournment at 6:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deputy Clerk Stouffer.

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Dick Cook, Mayor

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John Gulbranson, Utility Board Chairman

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