

11/16/2023

The special meeting of the Stuart Municipal Utility Board was called to order on the above date at 5:30pm by Chairman Gulbranson. Present were Board Members Belden, Jones, Russell, and Avey. Also present were City Administrator Ashour, Utility Superintendent Pat Howey, Deputy Clerk Sarah Stouffer, Water Superintendent Ben Stouffer, Trevor Nelson, Dick Cook, and attorney DuWayne Dalen.

Moved by Avey, seconded by Belden to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved by Jones, seconded by Russell to approve the proposal from Panora Fiber Telco to provide IT services to Stuart Municipal Utilities on an hourly basis.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Moved by Russell, seconded by Avey to go into closed session under Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1.) (c.) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avey, Belden, Gulbranson, Jones, Russell  
Nays: none

Closed Session began at 5:35 pm.

Moved by Jones, seconded by Avey to end closed session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Avey, Belden, Gulbranson, Jones, Russell  
Nays: none

Closed session ended at 6:00 pm.

Moved by Belden, seconded by Russell to hire engineering firm Veenstra & Kimm to provide an opinion regarding the Elevated Water Storage Tank elevation solutions proposed by Snyder & Associates and to request that engineering firm Snyder & Associates reimburse Stuart Municipal Utilities for the expense of seeking an opinion from a third party.

Roll Call: All Ayes

Adjournment at 6:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Deputy Clerk Stouffer.

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John Gulbranson, Chairman

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Ashraf Ashour, City Administrator