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The special meeting of the Stuart Municipal Utility Board was called to order on the above date at 5:30 p.m. by Board Chairman Avey. Present were Board Members Belden, Sherman, Crawford, and Herrick. Also present were City Administrator Jalatama "Jolly" Omar, Deputy City Clerk Stouffer, Ben Stouffer, Trevor Nelson, Cory and Crystal Kirkpatrick, and Matt Funk.

Moved by Sherman, seconded by Herrick to approve the Agenda.

Roll Call: All Ayes

The Board discussed the possibility of creating positions for utility employees that perform only utility related duties rather than to share the cost of city employees who also perform work for the utility. The Board also discussed negotiating an employee cost sharing agreement annually with the city during the budget work session.

Moved by Herrick, seconded by Belden to approve monthly transfers from the Utility to the City for shared employee costs.

Roll call: Ayes: Belden, Herrick, Avey
Nays: Sherman, Crawford

Motion carried.

Moved by Chairman Avey to create a provision in a proposed employee cost sharing agreement between the City of Stuart and Stuart Municipal Utilities regarding employee wage increases stating that the cost sharing agreement can be reviewed at the time that a COLA (cost of living adjustment) is approved by the City Council.

Chairman Avey rescinded the motion.

Adjournment at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Deputy City Clerk Stouffer.

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Kim Avey, Chairman

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Jalatama "Jolly" Omar, City Administrator