

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the North Denver Station Board Room on Thursday, January 3, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Monday, December 31, 2007, and by notices duly posted in the lobby of the Power Plant Building, 1228 North Denver Avenue, and the City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, and was therefore open to the public.

Present: Anderson, Hunt, Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sanders, Redding, Sekora, Cogley, Kully, Goebel, Scherr, Larson, Liehr, and Eric Christensen with the Parks and Recreation, and Roger Coffman from the Community Redevelopment Association

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board of Public Works is subject to the Open Meetings Laws and acknowledged that the Open Meetings Law poster has been posted in the room.

There were no customer comments.

Eric Christensen, Director of Parks and Recreation, is working with the Yahoo Green Committee on replacement of trees in the community. He stated that the Yahoo Green Committee have committed \$10,000 for immediate use to purchase trees and an additional \$25,000 for an endowment fund for long term use for the tree project. The Community Redevelopment Association has matched those funds. The Utilities is being asked to contribute at some level with this project because of trees under power lines. Christensen stated that a comprehensive tree plan should be completed within 6-9 months.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to support a proposal and planning for support of a comprehensive tree plan for the City of Hastings including trees under power lines and to determine the appropriate level of funding from Hastings Utilities. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson, Poppe. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, to write off uncollectible accounts of \$31,896.85 for accounting purposes only, and that staff be instructed to continue collection efforts on these accounts. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Poppe, Anderson, Schlachter, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Ron Sekora and Jason Redding gave a presentation on the street light work order at Westbrook Subdivision.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, to approve work order SL-42 – Street Lighting in Westbrook Subdivision for an estimated cost of \$50,517. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Anderson, Shoemaker, Hunt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to approve an Agreement with the Nebraska Dept. of Roads for Gas Main Relocation on Burlington Ave., 7<sup>th</sup> St. – 9<sup>th</sup> St. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Al Meyer gave an update on PPGA activities. Mobilization of several contractors will begin in February of this year.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of December 13, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued December 31, 2007

- c. Approval of the following claims:
  - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$3,992,365.67
  - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$2,887,529.39
- d. Review of payroll for period ending December 22, 2007
- e. Approval of the following work orders:

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|          | EL-71  | Upgrade Bypass Substation transmission line protection.   | Estimated Cost:          |
| \$56,084 |        |   |                          |
|          | EL-72  | Rebuild feeder line 244 from B St. and 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. to 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave. and BNSFRR. | Estimated Cost: \$44,447 |
|          | EL-75  | Replacement of the Cooling Tower transformer at North Denver Station west of the Fire Station.  | Estimated Cost: \$28,263 |
|          | GA-227 | Three new 4" jumpers on Burlington Ave., 7 <sup>th</sup> St. to 9 <sup>th</sup> St.             | Estimated Cost: \$ 1,500 |

Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Hunt, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker to approve work order EL-74 for installation of a three-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer to serve a new sewer lift station at Motorsport Park Hastings on Showboat Blvd., ¼ mile south of Hwy. 6 for an estimated cost of \$10,894. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Schlachter. Nays; None. Anderson abstained. Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items a discussion was held on the Wind Power program. This item will be discussed at the March 13, 2008, meeting.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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Secretary