

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, February 15, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, February 13, 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, Shoemaker, Poppe, Schlachter

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Leonhardt, Sekora, Sanders, Redding, Cogley, Scherr, Goebel, Kully, Mayor Rossen, Dee Haussler

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.

Discussion was held on a Revised Residential Subdivision Developer/Utility Participation Policy for Underground Electric Service.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to approved a Revised Residential Subdivision Developer/Utility Participation Policy for Underground Electric Service. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

A discussion on the street light developer policy, areas in the city limits that are not lighted, and street light funding took place. It was suggested that Ron Sekora and a committee consisting of the Manager of Utilities, the Mayor, Council Liaisons, Board Committee named below, and the City Engineer meet to refine the priorities of where lighting is needed.

Dee Haussler of the Hastings Economic Development Corporation announced that the Hastings Economic Development Corporation has been selected to be featured in a television series, **Business & Beyond**. The company will be featured in a segment on "Economic Development" in the show's *Pulse on Business* Series.

Discussion continued on street lighting on 38th Street, Osborne Drive West to the west. Chairman Anderson appointed Bob Poppe and Chuck Shoemaker to a committee on street lighting. The Board would like a recommendation on how to proceed with the needed street lighting, level of lighting, priorities, and funding.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Hunt, to direct staff to commence a plan to light Highway 281 from the Bypass Road to the north edge of the city limits and come back with a recommendation on how to fund the project. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Hunt, Poppe, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on Out of District Water and Sanitary Sewer Fees. The Board would like to find a way for developers to be aware of the out of district water and sanitary sewer fees that are owed on a property, even though a clean title is issued. After discussing the difficulty of identifying all the properties involved, it was suggested that a copy of the procedure for utility services to a new dwelling be sent to all the local realtors, title search companies, and attorneys to avoid any confusion. Staff will send the letter.

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A discussion was held on LB444, LB579 and LB581. The Nebraska Power Association supports LB444 and LB579 and opposes LB581. LB581 would result in higher rates for electric consumers in Nebraska. More information on the bills is available on the Unicameral Web Page.

An update of PPGA Activities was given. Al Meyer showed the list of contracts that were out for bid and showed a timeline of expected activity on the plant.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, that the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of claim number 97067 to Phil Johnson & Associates, be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of January 31, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued February 12, 2007.
- d Review of payroll for period ending February 3, 2007
- e. Approval of the following work orders:

EL-24 Reconductor overhead wire on existing pole line on 58th St. from Showboat Blvd. to Blaine Ave. Estimated Cost: \$16,145.12

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

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve claim number 97067 to Phil Johnson & Associates, in the amount of \$166.62. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, Marv Schultes reminded the committee of Willis Hunt, Ed Schlachter, Jeff Kully, and Everett Goebel of the comparability committee meeting with Mr. Harding on Monday, February 19, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. The Board decided to include Steve Scherr in on the meeting.

Marv Schultes informed the Board that the Board Meeting on April 12, 2007, will be held at the Pollution Control Facility, and the Board Meeting on May 17, 2007, will be held at the Whelan Energy Center in accordance with the Board's request to have a meeting at each location.

The meeting closed at 11:55 a.m.

Secretary