

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, March 13, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 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, Stange, Sanders, Cogley, Kully, Goebel, Scherr, Wacker, Charles Richardson, Eric Christensen, Elizabeth Spilinek, and Kathy Peterson

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.

During the customer comments item, Charles Richardson handed out flyers "The Greening of Hastings" which announces a forum on March 13, 2008, at the Hastings Public Library.

Marv Schultes updated the Board on the Trumbull water line construction project. Water samples have confirmed all 0's from hydrants 5 through 11. The valves can be turned on and the line put in service from Lochland Road to 94th Street. The Village of Trumbull is responsible for all pigging, flushing and sampling for the remainder of the project from the meter set at 94th & Hanson Road, 5 miles east to Trumbull.

Elizabeth Spilinek addressed the Board on a proposal to place historical lighting on Burlington Avenue, 7th Street to 9th Street, in conjunction with the widening project being completed this year. This item will be put on an agenda for discussion in May or June.

A discussion on requiring fluoride in the drinking water supply (L.B. 245) took place. Marv Schultes has reviewed the bill and informed the Board that the implementation of the bill would be very expensive for Hastings Utilities at this time. Fluoride could be injected easier when the water treatment plant and all associated piping is in place.

The Board agreed to support the concept of fluoridation in the water system as long as it could be implemented in a financially prudent manner when the central water treatment plant was in place. Council liaisons will put the discussion on the Council's next work session.

A discussion was held on the street lighting of Highway 281, Kansas Avenue to 42nd Street. (B.I. 5.01, Page 36) The estimate on the project has been increased from \$80,000 to \$85,000 for Hastings Utilities' portion of the project.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker to approve the cost increase share from the street light fund from \$80,000 to \$85,000 on the agreement with the Nebraska Department of Roads for the Highway 281, Kansas Avenue to 42nd Street lighting project. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; Poppe. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a draft tree replacement program. Changes still will need to be made to the agreement before implementation of the program. Staff will work with the Parks Department on a final agreement.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to approve the draft tree replacement program agreement and to bring back a final agreement on April 17, 2008, for approval. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Steve Cogley gave a presentation on incentives on water saving appliances. He explained what other cities were doing. Currently, there are no cities in Nebraska that have incentives for water saving appliances. Staff will visit with suppliers of the appliances, survey water rates in other communities, and bring back additional information to the Board. The item will be revisited in May.

Steve Cogley gave an update on the Wind Power Program. Discussion was held on the pros and cons of building a wind generator near Hastings. Bill Leung from the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN) will be asked to attend a future meeting to discuss wind generation.

Under PPGA Activities and Review of Minutes, Marv Schultes informed the Board that in accordance with the Operating Agreement, PPGA will be sending Hastings Utilities staff to a plant in Nevada for boiler training.

Anderson left the room. Schlachter conducted the meeting.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of February 28 2008, meeting. *Bill Harding should be listed in the attendance list and also being present for the Executive Session.*
- b. Review and approval of checks issued March 10, 2008, with the exception of claim no. 01157 to Phil Johnson & Associates
- c. Review of payroll for period ending March 1, 2008
- d. Approval of the following work orders:
 - EL-87 Installation of a single-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer to serve a new residence on the north west corner of Fox Run Street and Quail Ridge Avenue. Estimated Cost: \$19,183
 - EL-88 Installation of a single-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer to serve the new shop building north of A Street, west of Queen City Ave. Estimated Cost: \$ 6,996
 - SW-262 New Bio-Grating for Trickling Filter. Estimated Cost: \$12,351

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

Anderson returned to the meeting.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Schlachter, to approve claim number 01157 to Phil Johnson & Associates in the amount of \$159.55. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, that this Board of Public Works go into Closed Session, which Closed Session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in that said Closed Session will consist of a strategy session relative to real estate negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Hunt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 11:26 a.m. The Executive Session included the Board's Legal Counsel and the Manager.

Hunt left during the Executive Session.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 11:40 a.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Secretary