

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the Pollution Control Facility Conference Room on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, April 10, 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, Schlachter, Poppe

Also Present: Schultes, Cogley, Sanders, Singkofer, Lindeen, Goebel, Kully, Mayor Rossen

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.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Schlachter, to approve a Water Connection Agreement with Kenneth E. and Julie A. Craig, upon condition of the Craigs resigning the agreement with a notary not connected with the family. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Schlachter, Hunt, Anderson, Poppe. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel was instructed by the Board to modify the standard agreement for future use to give the option of agreements with the Board of Public Works for connection dates to other utilities. Legal Counsel will draft additional language for the standard agreement.

An Ordinance to Eliminate Geothermal (Pump & Dump) Water Source Heat Pump Systems was discussed.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve an Ordinance to Eliminate Geothermal (Pump & Dump) Water Source Heat Pump Systems, and to submit same to the Mayor and City Council for their approval.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, to table the motion to approve an Ordinance to Eliminate Geothermal (Pump & Dump) Water Source Heat Pump Systems. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Poppe, Schlachter. Nays; Shoemaker, Anderson. Motion carried.

Staff will bring the Ordinance back to the Board at the next meeting for further discussion.

Marv Schultes reported on the impact on electric rates from the December 30, 2006, ice storm. Hastings Utilities' costs of restoration to the Electric System from the December 30, 2006, ice storm are projected to be approximately \$350,000 with a 75% reimbursement expected from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The estimated reimbursement will be \$262,500. The differential cost of \$87,500 will be paid by the electric system ratepayers.

The Board would like to discuss future electric rates in June, July or August, rather than wait until Budget time. Staff will present the information that is available at that time.

An update of PPGA Activities included the Board receiving a copy of the PPGA Budget as previously requested.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, that the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of claim number 97606 to Phil Johnson & Assoc., Inc. and EL-39, be approved.

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of March 29, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued April 9, 2007, with the exception of claim number 97606 to Phil Johnson & Assoc., Inc.
- c. Review of payroll for period ending March 31, 2007
- d. Approval of the following work orders:

EL-39 Installation of single-phase and three-phase underground electric lines for phase one of The Garages Subdivision at Motorsport Park Hastings east of Showboat Blvd, south of US Highway 6. Estimated Cost: \$ 52,704.

GA-213 New 4" PE3408 gas main on Osborne Dr. West, Madden Rd. to Lochland Rd.; New 2" PE 3408 gas main on Village Dr., Osborne Dr. West to the west on Village Dr. Estimated Cost: \$138,333

GA-215 New 2" PE gas main on Lakeview Ave., Lakeridge Dr. to 170' north of Martin Ave.; Martin Ave., Lakeview Ave. east 215' and west 115'; 28<sup>th</sup> St., Lakeview Ave. west 130'; and Lakeridge Dr., Lakeview Ave. west 900'.

Estimated Cost: \$ 44,419

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

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, to approve Work Order EL-39 for Installation of single-phase and three-phase underground electric lines for phase one of The Garages Subdivision at Motorsport Park Hastings east of Showboat Blvd, south of US Highway 6 for an estimated cost of \$ 52,704. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Hunt, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Anderson abstained.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve claim number 97606 to Phil Johnson & Assoc., Inc., in the amount of \$176.19. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, Schultes informed the Board that the natural gas cutover in the Thom Subdivision is scheduled to start April 17, 2007.

A discussion on the downtown alley electrical survey took place. HU Engineering Staff are currently conducting a survey and should be completed by the May 31<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting.

Schultes invited everyone to stay for a tour of the Pollution Control Facilities following the meeting.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Secretary