

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* on Thursday, May 15, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, May 13, 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, Sanders, Zeisler, Pobanz, Cox, Sekora, Cogley, Kully, Goebel, Scherr, Mayor Rossen, and Guests Dave Buchholz, Bill Hitesman, Dan Schwartzkopf, Robin Vodehnal, Clark Haberman, Tom Hastings, Randy Chick, Eldon Orthmann, Charles Richardson, and Mike Wassenger from McDermott Miller

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 Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to award an Outstanding Performance Merit Award to Don Pobanz for his accomplishments since joining Hastings Utilities. Don has resigned his position to join the seminary. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Dave Buchholz gave a presentation on a consumer survey conducted by the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. The survey gave the Chamber ideas on further marketing of the Hastings retail businesses. The Board thanked the Chamber and it's volunteers for their hard work.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, to approve an agreement with the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce Agreement for an amount of \$25,000 for the year 2008. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that upon the recommendation from staff, to award a contract for Phase II of the Cooling Tower Rebuild at WEC Unit 1, B.I. #2.01, to Midwest Towers, Inc., Blue Springs, Missouri, for a total cost of \$312,207.00, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into contract with said company accordingly. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the cleaning services contract at Hastings Utilities. Staff will accept proposals until July 1st from interested cleaning companies to do the cleaning services.

Mike Wassenger of McDermott Miller presented the 2007 Hastings Utilities Audit. A clean audit was issued.

Don Cox gave a presentation on Wholesale Natural Gas Prices, Purchase Gas Adjustment (PGA) and Fuel Adjustment Charge (FAC). He reported that natural gas prices are very high, similar to oil prices, and would like customers of Hastings Utilities to prepare for high heating bills this winter.

Steve Scherr updated the Board on the status of the land purchase from U.S. Forest.

Al Meyer gave a brief update on PPGA activities. The minutes of the PPGA meetings were reviewed.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of May 1, 2008, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued May 12, 2008, excluding claim number 01740 to Westland Building Co., Inc. and claim number 01750 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc.
- c. Review of payroll for period ending May 10, 2008
- d. Approval of the following work orders:
 - PL-634 Phase II of cooling tower rebuild at WEC Unit 1. Estimated Cost: \$354,320
 - EL-78 Conversion from 4.16 KV to 13.8 KV in the alley between 1st St. and 2nd St., Burlington Ave. to Minnesota Ave. Estimated Cost: \$984,270

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

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, to approve claim number 01740 to Westland Building Co., Inc. in the amount of \$24,990.30 and claim number 01750 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$308.02. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. *Hunt Abstained.* Motion carried.

Under miscellaneous and future agenda items, Marv Schultes stated that Ron Sanders was planning to attend the "All Hazards Mitigation Planning as Related to FEMA" meeting.

Moved by Hunt, 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 and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation on an individual, which individual has not requested a public meeting, in order to discuss certain matters relating to personnel and that said Closed Session will consist of a strategy session relative to energy supply negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Anderson, Poppe, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 11:00 a.m. The Executive Session included the Board, Council Liaisons, Board's Legal Counsel and the Manager. Mayor Rossen had left before the executive session.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 11:19 a.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Secretary