

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 29, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, May 27, 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, Leonhardt, Cogley, DeTour, Struss, Sekora, Sanders, Stange, Goebel, Mayor Rossen, Scherr, and Guests Robin Vodehnal, Clark Haberman, Charles Richardson, Ramona Bredthauer, Timothy Zimmerman, and Michele Bever

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 customer comments, Clark Haberman gave a handout to the Board which included a follow up to his May 15th memorandum, and a copy of a letter he sent to the U.S. Army Engineering District in Kansas City.

Charles Richardson asked if the minutes of the PPGA were available to the general public.

Timothy Zimmerman stated a concern with getting sanitary sewer to the new Prairie Hills Addition. He stated that the new plans which seem the most feasible for all parties involved will cost developers of the Prairie Hills Addition more than they expected. Staff will visit with Dave Wacker to determine why the plan for the road was changed and will look further at the feasibility and costs of running sanitary sewer to the front of the property, the middle and the rear of the lots of the property. The item will be on the next Board agenda for discussion.

Marty Stange gave a presentation on the challenges and costs of adding fluoride to the Hastings water supply.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to forward the fluoride treatment cost estimate to the Mayor and City Council and give the presentation at their meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Marv Schultes gave a presentation on the partial assignment of resources from WEC-II with Heartland Consumer Power District (HCPD) and the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN).

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve an agreement for Partial Assignment of Resources with Heartland Consumer Power District (HCPD). Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Anderson, Poppe, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Hunt, to approve an agreement for Partial Assignment of Resources with the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN). Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Hunt, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to accept the bid from Dan Schmidt & Associates, Inc., Ontario, Canada, in the amount of \$32,600.00 as the lowest and best bid to perform a gap analysis and a mock audit to assure Hastings Utilities' compliance with the reliability standards approved by NERC as per the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

An All Hazards Mitigation Plan is now required as part of the new Federal Emergency Management Agenda (FEMA) regulations in order for any local governmental entity to receive funding for pre-hazard mitigation projects or post-hazard cleanup or damage repair.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, to approve Resolution No. 2008-04, participating in the proposed All Hazards Mitigation Planning process to meet the new FEMA regulations. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Hunt, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Steve Scherr gave an update on the purchase of the Forest Land on East Highway 6. The City's Environmental Attorney, Mike Sullivan, recommends that the Board obtain a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment "ESA" on the property prior to closing.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to obtain a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment "ESA" Audit on the Forest Land as recommended by Legal Counsel. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Anderson, Shoemaker, Poppe. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The February 2008 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Keith Leonhardt gave an update on PPGA activities. There were no PPGA meeting minutes to review.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to provide a copy of the Hastings Utilities' and PPGA meeting minutes at no charge at the Manager's discretion. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of May 15, 2008, meeting. *Corrections – the meeting was held at the North Denver Station, and Hunt abstained on the Westland Building Co., Inc. and Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc. claims.*
- b. Review and approval of checks issued May 26, 2008
- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$1,705,872.95
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$2,409,653.75
 - City of Hastings against the Combined Fund (Resolution No. 1344) - \$485,155.00
- d. Review of payroll for period ending May 24, 2008
- e. Approval of the following work orders:

EL-93 Installation of a three-phase overhead transformer bank for Kully's renovation of an existing building at 411 West South St. Estimated Cost: \$8,870

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

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, the Board asked staff to respond to Mr. Haberman's questions as presented in a memorandum at the May 15th Board meeting. Staff will respond per the Board's request.

Councilman Hunt asked the Board to consider sponsoring a Hastings Utilities' booth at the County Fair. Board members felt that the marketing process should be discussed at the next meeting.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Secretary