

## 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, May 31, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, May 29, 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, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Poppe, Hunt

Also Present: Schultes, Vrooman, DeTour, Sekora, Sanders, Goebel, Kully, Cox, Cogley, Scherr, Randy Chick, Phil Odom, and Bob Murphy

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 the approval of a proposal for Preparation of the 2006 Biennial Consulting Engineer's Report. The Board discussed the idea of accepting other proposals from consulting engineers to prepare the report. After referring to the bond ordinance, the Board felt it would be best not to name a new consulting engineer at this point.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, to accept the proposal from Black & Veatch Consulting Engineers, for preparation of the 2006 Biennial Consulting Engineer's Report, for a lump sum fee of \$9,700.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nay; Hunt. Motion carried.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Poppe, to accept the proposal from Olsson Associates, Grand Island, Nebraska, to prepare utility and construction easements for the Southwest Interceptor Project, for an amount not to exceed \$8,727.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; Hunt. Motion carried.

Ron Sekora gave a presentation on the Downtown Alley Electrical Survey. The Board discussed different options for overhead and underground in the alleys between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Streets and Burlington and St. Joseph Avenues. More discussion will take place at future meetings.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Hunt, to move to table the discussion until the next meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Hunt, Anderson, Shoemaker, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Legal counsel recommend a change in language on the motion should have been to "move to postpone the discussion until the next meeting."

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Anderson, to move to postpone the discussion until the next meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Anderson, Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Don Cox gave a presentation on Wholesale Natural Gas Costs. Staff is proceeding to work with the Central Plains Energy Project (CPEP) to purchase gas with a plan to close the purchase in August 2007 as another gas supply option. Consensus of the Board is to proceed with the project.

Ed Schlachter gave a report from the Comparability Committee. The committee has requested proposals and expanded arrays from consultants for the year 2007 and 2008. The committee has decided to delay the comparability study until 2008. The COLA will be used for 2008.

The March 2007 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Lee Vrooman gave a presentation on current Hastings Utilities' engineering design and construction standards. The presentation will continue at the next meeting.

There was no discussion on PPGA activities.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of May 17, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued May 28, 2007
- c. Approval of the following claims:
  - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$1,654,740.61
  - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$1,983,655.14
  - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund (Trailblazer Gas Purchase from Oneok ) – \$2,166,788.40
  - City of Hastings against the Combined Fund (Resolution No. 1344) - \$453,792.00
- d. Review of payroll for period ending May 26, 2007
- e. Approval of the following work orders:
  - GA-218 New 4" PE 3408 gas main on Adams Central Rd., 2240 ACR to 2300?ACR.  
Estimated Cost: \$15,190
  - GA-219 New 4" std. wrapped gas main on Osborne Dr. East, 39th St. south 750 ft. to  
serve Menards. Estimated Cost: \$23,100

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

Under miscellaneous and future agenda items, Shoemaker informed the Board that the Street Lighting Committee has met and will meet again. A report will then be made to the Board.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

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Secretary