

## 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, June 12, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, June 10, 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, Cox, Cogley, Sekora, Struss, Scherr, Goebel, Mayor Rossen, and Guests Kathy Peterson, Shannan Daly, Sean Daly, Tim Zimmerman, David Schram, Clark Haberman, Charles Richardson, Robin Vodehnal, and Bill Leung and Billy Cutsor from NMPP/MEAN

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 asked further questions as a follow up to his previous letter. Charles Richardson asked the Board about Hastings' need for the new power plant since residents are learning and practicing conservation. Chairman Anderson answered both gentlemen's questions.

Discussion was had on the utility services to the Prairie Hills Addition. Three options for placement of the sanitary sewer in these properties were discussed with the most logical option (Option 2) being chosen. Developers Tim Zimmerman, David Schram, and Sean and Shannan Daly were asking for a share cost on the project. Marv Schultes said that it is a developer cost and they would have to negotiate any cost sharing with the other developer in that area. Mr. Schram stated that they would still like to have a new plat drawn up showing the street in a different location. Mr. Daly wasn't sure about the new plan.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, to accept the proposed plan of Hastings Utilities to provide sanitary sewer service to Prairie Hills Addition using Option 2, based on the existing approved plat. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Bill Leung and Billy Joe Cutsor from NMPP/MEAN gave a presentation on wind power. Their presentation included their background in wind power, their wind resources, challenges and lessons learned, and their future direction. NMPP/MEAN currently provides the wind power to Hastings Utilities from the Kimball Wind Farm.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, to accept the proposal of McDermott-Miller to perform the 2008 annual audit. Hunt withdrew his motion and Poppe withdrew his second.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hunt, for staff to get proposals from several qualified firms to do the 2008 annual audit. Roll Call: Ayes; Anderson, Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Al Meyer gave a report on the June 4, 2008, windstorm. The wind caused a considerable amount of damage including damage to the 115 KV transmission line to the Whelan Energy Center. Line crews responded immediately to restore power and repair the damage.

Steve Scherr updated the Board on the forest land purchase. An environmental site assessment is underway.

The discussion on Hastings Utilities' marketing process was postponed to the next meeting.

Marv Schultes stated that the Review of Exempt from City Service Evaluations should be done in Executive Session when the Board is ready to do this.

Al Meyer gave a review of PPGA activities and the minutes of the PPGA Board meetings were reviewed.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of May 29, 2008, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued June 9, 2008, with the exception of claim number 01917 to Helmann & Sullivan, P.C., claim number 01981 to Westland Building Co., Inc., and claim number 01990 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc.
- c. Review of payroll for period ending June 7, 2008
- d. Approval of the following work orders:

EL-95 New three-phase overhead transformer bank to serve a new irrigation well and pivot in Section 28, Township 8 North, Range 9 West, ½ mile west of Blaine Ave., south side of 58<sup>th</sup> St. (Lochland Rd.) Estimated Cost: \$ 2,820

GA-230 Replacement of 4" MP gas main on South St., Laird Ave. to Woodland Ave.; Woodland Ave., South St. to B St.; and B St., Woodland Ave. to Emerson Ave.; and replacement 2" MP gas main on Keystone Ave., B St. north 330'; Queen City and Maple Ave., B St. to D St.; and D St. Queen City to Maple Ave. Estimated Cost: \$236,355

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

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Hunt, to approve claim number 01917 to Helmann & Sullivan, P.C., in the amount of \$480.00. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Hunt, Anderson, Poppe. Nays; None. Shoemaker abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, to approve claim number 01982 to Westland Building Co, Inc. in the amount of \$77,767.31 and claim number 01190 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$416.85. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Under miscellaneous and future agenda items (Discussion of Usage of Utility Properties), the Board would like to discuss the possibility of planting CRP grass on the wellfield land by the airport that is currently leased. This item will be on the next board agenda.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Shoemaker, 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 energy supply negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Hunt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 11:20 a.m. The Executive Session included the Board, Council Liaison Goebel, Board's Legal Counsel and the Manager. Mayor Rossen had left before the executive session.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 11:24 a.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Hunt, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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Secretary