

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, June 28, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, June 26, 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, Hunt

Absent: Poppe

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sekora, Sanders, Hohman, Larson, Cogley, Goebel, Kully, Scherr, Mayor Rossen, and Randy Chick

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 Schlachter, to approve Amendment No. 12 to Engineering Services Contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. for a Trickling Filter Pump No. 3 Addition (B.I. 4.08). Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to write off uncollectible accounts for accounting purchases in the amount of \$37,255.85, and that staff be instructed to continue collection efforts on these accounts. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Discussion continued from a previous meeting on the downtown alley discussion. Staff's preliminary budget estimate to bury the primary would be from \$1,400,000 to \$2,000,000 plus any costs for telephone and cable TV relocations. This estimate would equate to \$350,000 - \$500,000 per block for the four block area.

Hunt left the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Discussion continued on what entities may be willing to participate to bury the power. Randy Chick of the Business Improvement District (BID) stated that at no time did the BID request that the power be buried in the alleys. Discussion will continue at the July 18th joint City Council/Board of Public Works Worksession to be held at Hastings Utilities at 7:00 p.m. to determine if the City Council has a desire to participate with any costs in the downtown alleys. Staff will prepare a work order for Board discussion and/or action at the August 2nd Board Meeting with the costs to convert the alley as presently designed.

Al Meyer gave a presentation on WEC-2 Electric System Transmission Improvements. PPGA is working on a three party agreement which will be presented to the Board for approval in August.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of June 14, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued June 25, 2007.
- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,125,045.23
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$1,665,742.23

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- General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund (Trailblazer Gas Purchase from Oneok) – \$1,458,639.80

d Review of payroll for period ending June 23, 2007

e. Approval of the following work orders:

EL-52 (formerly EL-48) Installation of an overhead 3-phase transformer bank to serve two new grain bin dryers on Maxon Ave. south of 94th St. Estimated Cost: \$4,432

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

Al Meyer updated the Board on PPGA Activities.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, the Board discussed the items that will be discussed at the Joint Council/Board Worksession on July 18th.

The Process of Reviewing Exempt from City Service Employees was discussed. The Board will discuss the process at the August 2nd meeting, along with the Reviews which will be done in Executive Session.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Secretary