

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was held at the Hastings Utilities Board Room on Thursday, July 16, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, and by notices duly posted in the lobby of Hastings Utilities, 1228 North Denver Avenue, and the City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, and was therefore open to the public.

Present: Anderson, Hunt, Shoemaker, Krieger, Dewalt

Also Present: Schultes, Sanders, Stange, Cogley, Odom, Goebel, Scherr, Vrooman, and Clark Haberman

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.

Chairman Anderson administered the Oath of Office for New Board Member Jeanette Dewalt.

Under public comments, Clark Haberman distributed a handout to the Board on ash disposal and encouraged the Board to make sure the ash is disposed of properly.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, to approve Resolution No. 2009-03, thanking Bob Poppe for his Service to the Board of Public Works. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Shoemaker, Anderson, Dewalt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of July 2, 2009, meeting (*correction – the word “grand money” should read “grant money”*).
- b. Review and approval of checks issued July 13, 2009, with the exception of claim number 5909 to Sullivan Shoemaker Witt & Burns
- c. Review of payroll for period ending July 4, 2009
- d. Approval of the following work orders:
  - EL-134 Installation of a three-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer for the Nuckolls Building at Central Community College on Community Dr., east of Parade Ave. Estimated Cost: \$12,801
  - EL-136 Extension of a three-phase underground electric line to provide power to Prairie Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Add. at 33<sup>rd</sup> St. and Wendell Dr. Estimated Cost: \$32,462
  - EL-137 Installation of single-phase underground electric lines and padmount transformers to serve the new residential area in Prairie Hills 2<sup>nd</sup> Add. At 35<sup>th</sup> St. and Wendell Dr. Estimated Cost: \$32,674
  - EL-138 Installation of a three-phase overhead power line on 94<sup>th</sup> St. from Maxon Ave. to ½ mile west and rebuild existing single-phase overhead power line to three-phase on 94<sup>th</sup> St., Pawnee Ave. to east ½ mile. Estimated Cost: \$72,085
  - SL-63 Installation of street lights on Lakeview Terrace, 35<sup>th</sup> St. to 33<sup>rd</sup> St. Estimated Cost: \$ 9,738

- e. Approval of the following Real Estate Improvement Contracts:  
Underground Residential Lighting System (URL 2009-7) and  
Underground Distribution System (URD 2009-6)  
with Timothy C. Zimmerman and Laurie A. Zimmerman, Sean M. Daly and Shannon K. Daly, David J. Schram and Brandee J. Schram for Lots One, Two, and Three of Prairie Hills Second Addition

Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Dewalt, Anderson, Krieger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, to approve claim number 5909 to Sullivan Shoemaker Witt & Burns in the amount of \$8,493.87. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Anderson, Dewalt. Nays; None. Shoemaker abstained.

The Electric System Biennial Report from Consulting Engineer was reviewed. Discussion was held on the amounts of capital improvements required each year to satisfy the bond covenants.

A discussion was held on Compensatory Time. Hastings Utilities has not used this method of compensation. The general city departments use compensatory time. The Board asked staff to visit with the employee committee about the options. Chairman Anderson asked Jeanette Dewalt to attend the employee committee meeting with him to answer any questions.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, to approve the Amendment to the Agreement for Purchase of Westbrook Property for the Water Treatment Plant, which will waive Sections C and D of the original agreement and close on the property. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Shoemaker, Dewalt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the draft RFP for Beneficial Use of Ash. Concerns on the quality of ash, testing, disposal, and reporting were discussed. The cost and disadvantages of landfilling the ash were discussed.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Krieger, to approve the Draft RFP for Beneficial Use of Ash with an RFP date on or before September 15, 2009. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Krieger, Hunt, Anderson, Dewalt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Discussion of Phil Johnson & Associates Water System took place. Because of a conflict of interest as owner of the Phil Johnson & Associates Water System, Board Member Hunt excluded himself as a Board Member and sat in the audience representing Phil Johnson & Associates during this discussion. Chairman Anderson read a letter from the Phil Johnson & Associates (Mr. Hunt) indicating his intent to shut down their system. The Board discussed whether Hastings Utilities could do anything to prevent those customers from losing water service.

Krieger left the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Anderson, to table the Phil Johnson & Associates water system discussion to the next meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Anderson, Dewalt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

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Mr. Hunt resumed his function as Board Member at the table.

The May 2009 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Lee Vrooman gave an update of PPGA Activities. WEC-2 construction is on schedule.

Hunt left the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

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Secretary