

## 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, August 30, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, August 28, 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, Hunt, Poppe, Schlachter

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Cox, Cogley, DeTour, Stange, Mayor Rossen, Kully, Goebel, Scherr

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.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, that upon the recommendation of the Merit Award Committee, to award a Humanitarian Merit Award and \$100.00 to Mike Waters for his accumulated blood donations. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

A discussion on the award of a contract for Water Supply Wells 34 and 35 took place. Because the two bidders bid different column pipe, the Board felt it best to rebid the project, rather than accepting the exception of one bidder without the other bidder having an opportunity to bid the exception.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that upon the recommendation of staff, to award a contract for Water Supply Wells 34 and 35 to Layne-Western, Hastings, Nebraska, for a total amount of \$411,179.02, which includes the additional cost of flanged column pipe. Roll Call: Ayes; None. Nays; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Motion failed.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to reject the bids and direct staff to readvertise for Water Supply Wells 34 and 35 with the added option of bidding threaded column pipe as an alternate. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Anderson, Shoemaker, Poppe. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Don Cox gave an update on the Wholesale Natural Gas Supply. Natural gas prices are lower this year than last year at the same time and storage is at a high level.

An update of PPGA Activities was deferred to next meeting.

Alternative Financing Options for Street Lighting was discussed. A list of areas needing street lighting, as prepared for the street lighting committee, was discussed. Staff will work with legal counsel and bond counsel to see if the Street Lighting Department can assume debt and cash from another department to obtain cash for possible construction. The Street Lighting Department would then receive the interest income and pay debt service.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Shoemaker, that the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Work Orders WA-223 and WA-224, be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of August 16, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued August 27, 2007, with the exception of claim no. 98870 to Gessford Machine Shop and claim no. 98939 to Westland Building Co.
- c. Approval of the following claims:
  - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,136,916.14
  - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$1,821,852.48
- d. Review of payroll for period ending August 18, 2007

e. Approval of the following work orders:

- EL-62      Installation of a three-phase underground electric line and padmount transformer to serve Boone dormitory at Central Community College  
Estimated Cost: \$ 13,122
- WA-223    Provide for the construction of Well 34, Wellhouse 34 and Standby Diesel Unit  
Estimated Cost: \$510,948
- WA-224    Provide for the construction of Well 35 and Wellhouse 35  
Estimated Cost: \$428,568

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

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve claim no. 98870 to Gessford Machine Shop in the amount of \$522.51. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Hunt. Nays; None. Anderson abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, to approve claim no. 98939 to Westland Building Co. in the amount of \$4,871.77. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, Marv Schultes mentioned the Budget Work Session dates of November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and asked the Board to check if those dates will work. Council Liaisons will check to make sure a Joint Board/Council Work Session on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> would work with the Council Members. The Board requested that the budget packets be sent out ten days before the budget work session.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, that this Board go into Closed Session, which Closed Session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, which individual has not requested a public meeting, in order to discuss certain matters relating to personnel, and that said Closed Session will consist of a strategy session relative to real estate and energy supply negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 12:05 p.m.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 12:36 p.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Poppe, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

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Secretary