

## 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, September 11, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, September 9, 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, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Leonhardt, Sanders, Belau, Cogley, Cox, Vrooman, Scherr, Goebel, and Mayor Rossen

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 public comments.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve Change Order 2 with Kayton Electric for Coal Handling System Modifications Electrical Installation (B.I. 2.05, Page 8) for a net addition of \$108,760.00, and that the Mayor of the City of Hastings be authorized to sign the document. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt Shoemaker, Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that upon the recommendation from staff, to award a contract for Fire Protection on Coal Conveyor (B.I. 2.10, Page 8) to Nebraska Fire Protection, Alda, Nebraska, for a total cost of \$274,500.00, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into contract with said company accordingly. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Anderson, Poppe, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Al Meyer gave a presentation on the WEC-2 staffing plan. The Board asked that the plan be presented at the City Council/Board worksession on Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to table the approval of job descriptions and salary schedules, and Ordinance 4199 to the next meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Poppe, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

A Drug Testing Program for All Hastings Utilities Employees was discussed. The Board would like a drug and alcohol testing plan that is consistent for all employees, even though some employees are covered by the D.O.T. Pipeline Safety Plan and some are covered by the Commercial Driver's License plan.

Moved by Shoemaker to approve in general the adoption of the drug testing program for all Hastings Utilities' employees including, drug and alcohol testing, on as consistent a basis as possible for all Hastings Utilities employees, and to bring the program back for approval. Motion died for lack of a second.

Further discussion continued on the plan. Staff will make suggested changes to the plan. The Board will visit with the City Council at the Tuesday, September 16, worksession to discuss any plans for a drug and alcohol testing program.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Hunt, to approve in general the adoption of the drug testing program for all Hastings Utilities' employees, including drug and alcohol testing, on as consistent a basis as possible for all Hastings Utilities employees, for the Manager to visit with the employee committee, and to bring the program back for approval. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Hunt, Anderson, Poppe, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The revised Drug and Alcohol Testing Plan will be brought back to the Board at the November 13, 2008, meeting.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Purchase of Real Estate for the property at 17<sup>th</sup> and Pine Ridge Drive in the Westbrook Subdivision. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Anderson, Schlachter, Hunt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The July 2008 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

There was no further update of PPGA activities other than what was shown earlier in the staffing presentation.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved;

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of August 28, 2008, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued September 8, 2008, with the exception of claim number 02869 to Sullivan Shoemaker Witt & Burns and claim number 02882 to Phil Johnson & Associates
- c. Review of payroll for period ending August 30, 2008
- d. Approval of the following work orders:
  - EL-107 Installation of three-phase underground electric lines, padmount switches and padmount transformer to serve the new Hastings Physical Therapy facility at 2307 Osborne Drive West (22<sup>nd</sup> & Kansas) Estimated Cost: \$39,013
  - PL-636 New coal conveyor fire protection system for conveyors 1, 2, 3, 4 load out dust collector, crusher tower, crusher tower's dust collector, and feeders in dumper building. Estimated Cost: \$249,928.00

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

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, to approve claim number 02869 to Sullivan Shoemaker Witt & Burns in the amount of \$832.50. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Hunt, Anderson. Nays; None. Shoemaker abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, to approve claim number 02882 to Phil Johnson & Associates in the amount of \$71.21. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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Secretary