

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, September 13, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, September 11, 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, Cogley, 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.

There were no customer comments.

Al Meyer gave an update of PPGA Activities.

Al Meyer gave an update on the upcoming WEC-1 Preventative Maintenance Outage. The estimated cost of the outage is \$10,110,000 and is scheduled to start on September 28, 2007 and scheduled for completion on November 4, 2007.

Marv Schultes gave a presentation on future electric rates. Rising fuel and transportation costs have affected electric rates around the nation and Hastings Utilities will need to plan for future rate adjustments.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that upon the recommendation from staff, to approve the construction cost for Highway 6 Improvements at the Whelan Energy Center (B.I. 2.06, Page 8) in the amount of \$125,523.36, for Hastings Utilities' portion of the improvements. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The July 2007 Monthly Report was presented and discussed.

Discussion took place on a possible Hastings Utilities Intern Program. Board members suggested several changes to the program. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of August 30, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued September 10, 2007, with the exception of claim no. 99075 to Westland Building Co., Inc. and claim no. 99094 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc.
- c. Review of payroll for period ending September 1, 2007
- d. Approval of the following work orders:
 - EL-55 Installation of a three-phase overhead transformer bank to serve a well motor for the Residence at 3002 N. Baltimore Ave. Estimated Cost: \$ 4,029
 - EL-63 Installation of three-phase underground electric lines with a padmounted switch and a Padmounted transformer to serve the new Menard's building at 3400 Osborne Dr. East. Estimated Cost: \$50,748
 - PL-626 Install storm sewer drain on the west side of the North Denver Station plant building. Estimated Cost: \$10,024

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

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve claim no. 99075 to Westland Building Co., Inc. in the amount of \$7,551.22 and claim no. 99094 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$269.76. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, the Board asked that the street light discussion be back on the next agenda.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, 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, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson, Poppe. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 10:04 a.m.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 10:56 a.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Secretary