

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 27, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, September 25, 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, Sanders, Stange, Cox, Cogley, Mayor Rossen, Kully, Goebel, Scherr, and Doug Yantzie of Sargent Drilling

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, that upon the recommendation from staff, to award a contract for Water Supply Wells 34 and 35 to Sargent Drilling, Geneva, Nebraska, in the amount of \$364,901.00, which includes the deduct for threaded column pipe, and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign said contract. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the draft 2008 street lighting budget. A resolution from the City Council directing the Board to participate 50% in the North Highway 281 Lighting project with the Nebraska Department of Roads will require an \$80,000 budget addition to the Street Light Capital Budget. Board members discussed the potential for additional revenue and debt in the street lighting department by transferring a bond issue to the Street Light Department.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Poppe, to direct staff to include \$80,000 in the 2008 Street Lighting Capital Budget to fund Hastings Utilities' 50% portion of the estimated \$160,000 to light U.S. 281 from North Shore Drive to 42nd Street. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, Hunt, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; Poppe. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, to approve a condition of employment residency requirement agreement with Noel Nienhueser. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Anderson, Poppe, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Don Cox discussed the time-line to approve a Long Term Natural Gas Purchase from Central Plains Energy Project (CPEP). The approval of the agreement will likely be on the agenda within the next two months.

The Board discussed the Intern Program. Staff will make suggested changes and bring back the revised program for approval on November 2nd.

Al Meyer gave an update on PPGA Activities.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of September 13, 2007, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued September 24, 2007, with the exception of claim no. 99147 to Garages Track Estates and claim no. 99222 to Westland Building Co.

- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,127,937.90
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$1,687,271.91
- d. Review of payroll for period ending September 15, 2007
- e. Approval of the following work orders:
 - EL-64 Installation of a three-phase underground electric line to serve the new Taco Bell Restaurant at 3705 Osborne Drive West. Estimated Cost: \$10,960
 - GA-224 New 2” PE 3408 gas main on Lincoln Ave., I St. to H St. Estimated Cost: \$30,235
 - GA-226 New 4” PE gas main on 7th Ave. 540 feet north of 13th St. to 225 ft. south of 16th St. Estimated Cost: \$11,544
 - WA-223 Provide for the construction of Well 34, Wellhouse 34 and Standby Diesel Unit Estimated Cost: \$485,071
 - WA-224 Provide for the construction of Well 35 and Wellhouse 35 Estimated Cost: \$402,613

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

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, to approve claim no. 99147 to Garages Track Estates in the amount of \$9,876.18. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter. Nays; None. Anderson abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, to approve claim no. 99222 to Westland Building Co. in the amount of \$11,776.12. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, Marv Schultes reminded the Board that the WEC-1 outage starts tomorrow.

The Trumbull water line was added to the list of Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items for discussion in late November or early December.

There was no executive session.

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Secretary