

## 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, October 29, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, October 27, 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, Meyer, Sanders, Odom, Cogley, Goebel, Scherr, Cox, Cogley, Schawang

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 Krieger, seconded by Hunt, that the following items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of check no. 6982 be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of October 15, 2009, meeting
- b. Review and approval of checks issued October 26, 2009, with the exception of check no. 7063 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc.
- c. Approval of the following claims:
  - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,427,462.72
  - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$1,595,519.75
- d. Review of payroll for period ending October 24, 2009
- e. Approval of the following work orders:
  - WA-253 Installation of a new 12" DIP water main on 38<sup>th</sup> St., Wendell Dr. to Lakepark Ln.  
Estimated Cost: \$ 19,488
  - PL-637 Install valves, piping, and instrumentation at Whelan Energy Center Unit 1 to upgrade the turbine steam seal system.  
Estimated Cost: \$151,819.

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

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by DeWalt, to discuss check no. 6982 for \$27,000 after closed session on Energy Supply Negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Shoemaker, DeWalt, Anderson, Hunt, Krieger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Dewalt, seconded by Shoemaker to approve check no. 7063 to Phil Johnson & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$2,045.96. Roll Call: Ayes; DeWalt, Shoemaker, Anderson, Krieger. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the recommendation from staff for Award of Contract for the upgrade of the Hastings Utilities phone system (Contract No. HU2009-09 IC-36, 2009 B.I. No. 6.10, pg. 41)

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, that upon recommendation from staff, to award a contract for the upgrade of the Hastings Utilities phone system to Kidwell, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska in the amount of \$110,330, subject to staff following up with a meeting with 911 personnel, and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Shoemaker, DeWalt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

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Don Cox gave an update on the Wholesale Natural Gas Costs including an update on CPEP. Natural gas delivery under the CPEP agreements begins November 1, 2009.

Allen Meyer updated the Board on PPGA Activities.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Anderson to approve appointment of Krieger and Shoemaker and council Liaison Goebel as members of a PPGA Startup Committee. Roll call: Ayes; Hunt, Anderson, DeWalt, Shoemaker, Krieger. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, that this Board go into Closed Session, which Closed Session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in that said Closed Session will consist of a strategy session relative to energy supply negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, DeWalt, Anderson, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried

The meeting closed to the public at 11:45 a.m. The executive session consisted of Board Members, Council Liaisons Goebel and Odom, the Board's Attorney and staff.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by DeWalt, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 12:35 p.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, DeWalt, Krieger. Nays; Shoemaker, Anderson. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Krieger, to approve check no. 6982 in the amount of \$27,000. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Krieger, Anderson, Shoemaker, DeWalt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous and future agenda items were discussed. Board Chairperson Anderson and board members discussed times for the TBD items as follows:

- TBD Purchasing Process (April 2010)
- Presentation of Sanitary Sewer Load and Capability (July 2010)
- Presentation on GPS/GIS (January 2010)
- Presentation use of Infrared Camera for Home Energy Audits (July 2010)
- Wind Opt Out – versus – Opt In Program (March 2010)
- Discussion of Interruptible Rate for Residential Customers and Smart Grid (March 2010)
- Presentation on Meter Pit Elimination Program (April 2010)

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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Secretary