

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works was held in the Board Room at the North Denver Station on Wednesday, November 7, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Friday, November 2, 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, Poppe, Schlachter, Hunt, Shoemaker

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Stange, Sanderson, Cox, Cogley, Barfknecht, DeTour, Kully, Goebel, Mayor Rossen, Scherr, and Gary Oetken (AGP)

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2008 Hastings Utilities Budget.

Steve Scherr gave a legal opinion on the accounting of the PPGA, FEMA, etc. Revisions will be made to the 2008 proprietary budget to be consistent with the legal opinion.

Staff presented the proposed water, pollution control, street lighting, and administrative budgets.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Shoemaker, to amend the street light ordinance to allow the Board to have the flexibility to use the cash balance of the street light department in the budgeting process. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The Board decided to raise the street light fee \$.50/month.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hunt, to increase the electric rates by 5% in 2008 and 5% in 2009.

Anderson amended his original motion to include an increase in water rates by 3% in 2008 and 3% in 2009. Hunt seconded the amendment. Roll Call: Ayes; Anderson, Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The Board discussed funding to the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. The Board decided to consider, in a Resolution that will be available at the next meeting, a funding level of \$25,000 for the year 2008, which level will be reflected in the 2008 budget.

Staff will make the changes to the budget as directed. The budget will be on the November 15, 2007, meeting agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Secretary

