

## 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, November 15, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, November 13, 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, Hunt, Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker

Also Present: Schultes, Meyer, Sanders, Cogley, Barfknecht, Kully, Scherr, Hemberger, Larson, and Gary Oetken from AGP

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.

Public Hearing on the 2008 Hastings Utilities Budget took place.

Gary Oetken from AGP expressed his appreciation to the staff and board of Hastings Utilities for their good work in trying to keep the rates down.

Marv Schultes gave a presentation that summarizes the 2008 Annual Budget, including the changes made as a result of the Board's budget workshop on November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, to approve Resolution No. 2007-03 approving the Hastings Utilities 2008 Budget, and to submit Council Resolution No. 2007-66 for the approval of the Mayor and City Council. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Shoemaker, Hunt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council of Electric Rate Ordinance No. 4153, to be effective January 1, 2008. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson, Hunt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Poppe, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council of Water Rate Ordinance No. 4154, to be effective January 1, 2008. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Poppe, Anderson, Hunt, Shoemaker. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Schlachter, seconded by Shoemaker, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council of Street Light Ordinance No. 4155, to be effective January 1, 2008. Roll Call: Ayes; Schlachter, Shoemaker, Poppe, Hunt, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to recommend approval to the Mayor and City Council of Resolution 2007-67 on Economic Development Funding for the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Anderson, Hunt, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Discussion took place on the Water Meter Pit Policy.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Poppe, to approve a refund in the amount of \$1,044.41, to Jerry C. Wagner for over-estimated water usage. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Anderson, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Anderson, that Hastings Utilities' staff prepare a resolution to have City Council look into changing the plumbing code to allow, in emergency situations such as meter pits, Hastings Utilities the option to repair service lines, and to bring the resolution back to the Board for discussion and approval. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Anderson, Poppe. Nays; Shoemaker, Schlachter. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Anderson, that on rental properties with meter pits where the meter reading is estimated, Hastings Utilities shall obtain a meter reading by December 31, 2007, refund the overage paid by the renter, and send a certified letter to the property owner (copy to the renter) to have the pit removed by July 1, 2008. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Anderson, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Poppe. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Ron Sanders gave a presentation on E85 and BioDiesel Fuels as requested by the Board at their budget workshop.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Hunt to trade in the Manager's car immediately and buy a hybrid car.

Moved by Shoemaker, seconded by Poppe, to amend the motion to buy a hybrid vehicle at the earliest possible time when a new car is ordered, and that the Manager shall drive this vehicle. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker. Nays; Hunt, Anderson. Motion carried.

Vote on main motion with amendment. Roll Call: Ayes; Anderson, Hunt, Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Al Meyer gave an update on the WEC-1 Maintenance Outage. The unit has been on line and off line several times this past week because of vibration issues. This is not unusual after a major outage but is taking more time than was expected.

Al Meyer gave an update on the PPGA Activities

The September 2007 Monthly Report was presented.

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

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of November 1, 6, and 7, 2007, meetings
- b. Review and approval of checks issued November 12, 2007, with the exception of claim no. 99883 to Westland Land Co., Inc. and 99915 to Phil Johnson & Associates
- c. Review of payroll for period ending November 10, 2007
- d. Approval of the following work orders:

SW-259 New 8" PVC sewer main in Craig Industrial Park 3<sup>rd</sup> Subdivision on Queen  
City  
north of A St. Estimated Cost: \$ 6,714  
EL-67 Installation of three-phase underground electric lines and padmount  
transformers to serve Hastings High School at 14<sup>th</sup> St. and Saunders Ave.  
Estimated Cost: \$69,584

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

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Shoemaker, to approve claim no. 99883 to Westland Building Co. in the amount of \$\$7,468.40 and claim no. 99915 to Phil Johnson & Associates in the amount of \$268.43. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Shoemaker, Schlachter, Anderson. Nays; None. Hunt abstained. Motion carried.

Under miscellaneous and future agenda items, Schultes reminded the Board of the Board/City Council work session to be held on Monday, November 19, 2007, at 7 p.m. in the Board Room.

Moved by Poppe, seconded by Schlachter, 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 real estate negotiations. Roll Call: Ayes; Poppe, Schlachter, Shoemaker, Anderson, Hunt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 12:23 p.m.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Schlachter, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 12:55 p.m. and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Schlachter, Poppe, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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Secretary