

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, December 2, 2010, at 8:00 a.m. This meeting was preceded by notice duly published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, November 30, 2010, 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, Cogley, Odom, Goebel, Scherr, Crecelius, and Tribune Reporter Shay Burk

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.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Dewalt, that upon the recommendation from staff, to award a contract for Water and Sewer Main Improvements (Informal *Contract* 2010-11 IC-40) to Midlands Contracting, Kearney, Nebraska, in the amount of \$171,776.02, and that the Chairman be authorized to enter *into* contract with said company accordingly. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Dewalt, Shoemaker, Krieger, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

A discussion took place on encouraging local contractors to bid sewer relining projects. Chairman Anderson will visit with HEDC to see if a combined effort could be made to visit with local contractors about this issue.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Dewalt, that the following items on the Consent Agenda be approved:

- a. Review, correction or approval of minutes of the November 11 and 16, 2010, meetings
(*correction to be minutes of November 11, 2010 – page 2, 4th paragraph, remove None., and Page 2, last paragraph, conference should be conferences.*)
- b. Review and approval of checks issued November 29, 2010
- c. Approval of the following claims:
 - General Operating Fund against the Electric Fund – \$2,162,570.52
 - General Operating Fund against the Combined Fund - \$1,974,962.29
- d. Review of payroll for period ending November 20, 2010
- e. Approval of the following work orders:
 - GA-268 New 4” std. wrapped gas main on Yost Ave., 5505 Yost Ave. (NC+) to 5401 Yost Ave. (Drake) Estimated Cost: \$ 12,984
 - SW-279 2010 Sanitary Sewer Manhole & Upgrades: Libbs Park and the 900 Block of California Ave. Estimated Cost: \$ 33,571
 - SW-280 2010 Sanitary Sewer Relining Projects: 2nd Ave. to 4th Ave., between 6th & 7th Sts.; South Denver Ave., “C” St. to “E” St.; West 4th St., Woodland Ave. to West Lawn Ave.; and 9th St., Colorado Ave. to East Side Blvd. Estimated Cost: \$158,819

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

Board Members Shoemaker and Hunt asked staff to visit with the Bond Counsel to see if the revenues from WEC-2 would also be under the 1977 Bond Covenants.

The Board asked to have more information put on the claims list. Marv Schultes will visit with the Accounting office to see how this could be done.

A discussion was held on the request from the Mayor and Council to receive the Hastings Utilities Budget earlier than has previously been done. Councilman Odom suggested that the Mayor and all Councilmembers receive the draft budget at the same time as the Board of Public Works members and that this will give the Mayor and Council an additional three weeks to look it over and ask questions. Councilman Goebel concurred that this would be better than not including the August numbers in the budget process in order to get the budget out sooner.

Moved by Hunt, seconded by Dewalt, to approve the Agreement with the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce, and that the Chairman and Secretary of the Board be authorized to sign said agreement. Roll Call: Ayes; Hunt, Dewalt, Anderson, Shoemaker, Anderson. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Moved by Krieger, seconded by Dewalt, to approve the Agreement with the Hastings Economic Development Corporation, and that the Chairman and Secretary of the Board be authorized to sign said agreement. Roll Call: Ayes; Krieger, Dewalt, Shoemaker, Anderson, Hunt. Nays; None. Motion carried.

Chairman Anderson would like a team to be formed with some members from the Board of Public Works, City Council, HEDC, County Board, etc. to discuss economic development.

The September 2010 Monthly Report was presented and discussed. A concern for the unaccounted for water was discussed. It will be discussed again after the December monthly report is issued to see if the balance has been recovered.

Al Meyer gave an update on PPGA Activities and the minutes of their meetings were reviewed.

Under Miscellaneous and Future Agenda Items, the Board moved the December 30th meeting to December 29th. Items added to the December 29th Agenda include an Update on Credit Card Use, Discussion on the Policy on Conference Attendance, and a Discussion of Future Electrical Sales.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Secretary