

A meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 12:15 p.m. on July 15, 2009 at 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Present: Don Vetrovsky, Linda Clabaugh, Ron Fleecs, Bob Moran and Ron Sutter

Absent: None

Others: Neal Niedfeldt, Ron Baete, Pat Feist, Steve Kelley, Tobias Tempelmeyer, Janet Byars, Erin Saathoff, and Gloria Masoner.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Beatrice Daily Sun on July 9, 2009 and posted on the public bulletin board in City Hall. Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members of the Board of Public Works and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda was received and placed on file. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the Board of Public Works of this meeting. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Don Vetrovsky announced that a complete copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall by the Conference Room door.

Minutes of the July 1, 2009 meeting were received and placed on file.

Armory Sanitary Sewer Project #09-252 Change Order Neal Niedfeldt presented the Change Order for the Sanitary Sewer Project #09-252. This is the final change and bill for this project. Total cost came in about \$200.00 lower than expected.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Clabaugh, to receive change order and payment request and place on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Fleecs, Moran, Sutter
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Mill & Overlay Paving Project #09-487 Change Order Neal Niedfeldt presented the Change order for the Mill & Overlay Paving Project #09-487. This project came in under the estimated cost due to cutting out some streets.

Moved by Fleecs, seconded by Clabaugh to receive change order and place on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Fleecs, Moran, Sutter
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Financials - May Neal Niedfeldt reviewed the Financials for the month of May. He reported that Electric revenues were down, possibly due to the economy slowing down. Another impact may be the increase in the cost per kilowatt hour. The possibility of looking at an electric rate increase was also discussed. Water and WPC revenues were both up.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Fleecs, to receive and place the reports on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Fleecs, Moran, Sutter
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

**Sustainable Design
Assessment Team Visit
July 28th through July
30th**

Neal Niedfeldt informed of the upcoming Sustainable Design Assessment Team visit. The team will give recommendations, ideas and professional advice on the entire City. They will review such things as the infrastructure and possible growth potential, and will provide an Assessment Report at the end of the meeting.

**Curbside Recycling
Survey**

Neal Niedfeldt presented a survey that will be put into the BPW bills asking customers for their input on a weekly curbside recycling program. It was discussed that we should put a link on our website so customers could complete the survey that way also. The cost of this service would depend upon how many customers sign up.

**Approve Participation in
the Smart Grid
Investment Grant
Program – Joint
Application with NPPD**

Neal Niedfeldt and Pat Feist asked that the Board approve a resolution that would allow BPW to file a joint application with NPPD for economic stimulus funds through the Department of Energy's Smart Grid Investment Grant. The \$4 billion stimulus package is slated for investment in Smart Grid technology

Neal reported they are looking at three different improvement areas which the money would be used for. First, it would be used to update BPW's billing and load management. The current manual system has been in use since 1981. The update would cost about \$225,000. Second, the department would use the funds to replace approximately 1,500 load control devices that are inoperable or obsolete. This phase would cost about \$285,000. And finally, they would use the funds for distribution and transmission automation at a cost of around \$400,000. The grant funding would cover up to 50 percent of the cost of the projects.

Moved by Sutter, seconded by Moran, to approve the resolution and place on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Fleecs, Moran, Sutter
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

**Consider Agreement
With Hawkins
Construction for Sale of
Concrete Screenings**

Ron Baete, Street Superintendent, discussed the Agreement between the City of Beatrice and Hawkins Construction for the sale of concrete screenings. This would help clean up the 2nd and Grant Street area.

Moved by Sutter, seconded by Moran, to approve the agreement and place on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Fleecs, Moran, Sutter
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Vouchers

Vouchers for the El, Wt, WPC, and Street departments were presented.

Moved by Fleecs, seconded by Sutter, to approve the vouchers and place them on file.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Fleecs, Moran, Sutter
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned

Moved by Fleecs, seconded by Clabaugh, to adjourn meeting.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Fleecs, Moran, Sutter

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary