

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 August 14, 2012 at 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Present: Don Vetrovsky, Linda Clabaugh, Darin Baehr, Dave Eskra, and Bob Moran.

Absent: None.

Others: Tobias Tempelmeyer, Pat Feist, Steve Kelley, Jack Robbins, Rex Behrends, Janet Byars, Scott Koperski, and Erin Saathoff.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Beatrice Daily Sun and posted on the public bulletin board in the Board of Public Works Administration Office. 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.

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Baehr to receive, approve and place on file the minutes of the August 1, 2012 meeting.

**Approval of Additional Expenses to the UV Project**

Jack Robbins, WPC Superintendent, presented the additional expenses incurred for the installation of the new UV system, which totaled \$13,599.02. The project was budgeted at \$310,000 and with these added expenses, the total project came in around \$312,000. Discussion ensued regarding the labor charges listed on the invoices. The Board asked to have a breakdown of the labor charges brought back to the next meeting.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Baehr, to approve the payments for the additional expenses.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Baehr, Eskra, Moran  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

**Vouchers**

Vouchers for the Electric, Water, WPC, and Street departments were presented.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Moran, to approve the Electric, Water, WPC department vouchers for payment and refer the Street department vouchers to Council for payment.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Baehr, Eskra, Moran  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

## **2012-2013 Budget**

### **WPC Department**

Tobias Tempelmeyer reported to the Board that the WPC Department is projected to have a total of \$1.1 million dollars in cash reserves (approximately seven (7) months of operation) at the end of this fiscal year, which brings the Department to the auditor's recommendation of having at least six (6) months of operation built up in cash reserves.

The Department is proposing a 5% rate increase on the base and consumption, which would result in an additional \$83,000 income. The proposed rate increase would be an increase of \$1.04/month for residential customers and \$4.05/month for commercial customers.

Jack Robbins discussed a few of the capital projects proposed for next fiscal year. They include: upgrades and improvements to Lift Station #1 for \$60,000; \$105,000 for trenchless pipe lining; and replacing the Chautauqua Park trunk line, which is budgeted at \$360,000. This line is made of the same material as the Mosaic line that collapsed a couple of years ago.

### **Water Department**

Tobias Tempelmeyer reported to the Board that the Water Department is projected to have a total of \$916,000 dollars in cash reserves, which is approximately five (5) months of operation, at the end of this fiscal year. Although the Department generates enough revenue to cover outstanding expenses, it is not generating enough to service the outstanding debt and also perform capital improvements.

The Department is proposing a 5% rate increase on the base and consumption, which would result in an additional \$109,000 income. The proposed rate increase would be an increase of \$1.06/month for residential customers and \$3.44/month for commercial customers.

Steve Kelley discussed the two (2) capital projects proposed for next fiscal year. The first one is replacing the water main on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Court to Elk Street for \$45,000, which will be done in conjunction with the Downtown Revitalization project. The other project is the water main on High Street, 9<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, for \$270,000.

The Board asked to have numbers presented to them for a larger rate increase than proposed in order to help the Department.

### **Electric Department**

Tobias Tempelmeyer reported to the Board that the Electric Department is projected to have a total of \$6.7 million dollars in cash reserves (approximately five (5) months of operation) at the end of this fiscal year.

Due to an anticipated rate increase from NPPD of 4%, the Department is proposing a 3% rate increase. The proposed rate increase would be an increase of \$2.23 - \$3.92/month for residential customers depending on their electric classification.

Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, reviewed the proposed capital projects. These projects include: replacing a bucket truck for \$215,000; rebuilding distribution lines for \$174,500; the continuation of a 12.5 Kv conversion project in the amount of \$185,000; and purchasing a new accounting and billing software for \$200,000. The City will pay back the BPW for half of the accounting software program over the next 4-5 years.

### **Street Department**

Tobias Tempelmeyer discussed the future funding for the Street Department. The Department is funded through gas tax allocation and a portion of sales tax through the City.

Rex Behrends, City Engineer, was present to discuss the proposed capital projects for next fiscal year. The Department will replace Loader #487 and the crack sealing machine. The Department will also complete the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Project for \$122,000 (\$32,000 will be funded by the Gage County Museum); the Local Mill & Overlay project for \$125,000; and a Collector Mill & Overlay project in the amount of \$225,000. The Collector Mill & Overlay project is State funded & the total cost for the project is \$1.3 million dollars.

### **Meeting Adjourned**

Moved by Moran, seconded by Baehr, to adjourn meeting.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Clabaugh, Baehr, Eskra, Moran

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.