

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 May 16, 2012 at 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

Absent: Bob Moran.

Others: Pat Feist, Steve Kelley, Ron Baete, Jack Robbins, Tobias Tempelmeyer, 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 Clabaugh to receive, approve and place on file the minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting.

**Notice of Proposed Refurbishment – NPPD**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Attorney, and Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, presented to the Board the proposed refurbishment that NPPD is planning on for one of their transmission lines in Gage and Pawnee Counties. They will be replacing an existing line and the line is located in NPPD's current easement.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Clabaugh, to sign the Waiver Agreement for NPPD's refurbishment.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Approval of Bad Debts Write-Offs for Last Four (4) Months**

Janet Byars presented to the Board the Bad Debts Report for the last four (4) months.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Baehr, to approve the write-off of bad debts.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

**Discussion Items**

**a. Beatrice City Code Sections 26-8, 26-17, and 26-18**

Tobias Tempelmeyer and Janet Byars reported to the Board that recently we have had several customers that had been disconnected for non-payment, reconnect their electric service, which is illegal pursuant to the Beatrice City Code and Nebraska State Statutes. In

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the past there had been no action taken against individuals who reconnected themselves; however, moving forward we will take the steps necessary to prosecute the individuals.

**b. Board Members Participation in Interviews for Engineering Firms on Various Projects**

Rex Behrends, City Engineer, asked if any members would be available to sit on the Selection Committee when it comes time to interview the engineering firms for the bike trail. Paperwork has been submitted with Don Vetrovsky's name listed, but he also included "and/or BPW Board Member" so that if anyone else is interested they may be a part of the committee.

**c. Drainage on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Ron Baete, Street Superintendent, and Rex Behrends, City Engineer, reported to the Board that they will not need to do any work on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street because the area is too flat. They did have the WPC Department flush out the storm sewer on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and it is about 90% cleared.

**Homestead Days Parade**

Janet Byars asked the Board for their permission to participate in the Homestead Days Parade as we have done in the past.

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Baehr, to participate in the Homestead Days Parade.

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

**Nitrate Report**

Steve Kelley, Water Superintendent, presented the quarterly nitrate report.

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Baehr, to receive the nitrate report and place on file.

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

**Monthly Department Reports**

Chairman presented the monthly department reports to the Board.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Eskra, to receive the monthly department reports and place on file.

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

**Vouchers**

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

Moved by Clabaugh, seconded by Eskra, 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  
Nay: None MOTION CARRIED

Don Vetrovsky abstained from the vote for the payments to Midwest Livestock Systems.

Darin Baehr abstained from the vote for the payments to Security First Bank.

**Executive Session – Personnel**

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Eskra, to move into Executive Session at 12:57 p.m.

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

Chairman Don Vetrovsky announced that they resumed to regular session at 1:25 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.