

A meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, was convened in open and public session at 12:20 p.m. on February 26, 2014 at 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Present: Don Vetrovsky, Darin Baehr, Dave Eskra, and Rich Moon.

Absent: Bob Moran.

Others: Tobias Tempelmeyer, Pat Feist, Dean Kelch, Jason Moore, James Burroughs, Janet Byars, Doug Kennedy, Austin Buckner, Stan Wirth, 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.

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

Minutes

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Baehr to receive, approve and place on file the minutes of the February 12, 2014 meeting.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Update on AMI Study

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reported to the Board that five (5) responses to our Request for Qualifications were received for the AMI Study. The base bids ranged from \$1,738,596.80 to \$4,238,570.85. Currently, Olsson Associates, Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, and Steve Kelley, Water Superintendent, are reviewing the responses to narrow down to two (2) or three (3) vendors that would work well for our system. Administration hopes to have a vendor selected by Summer 2014.

Review of 2nd Street Project

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer and James Burroughs, City Engineer, gave an review of the City Council's discussion on the 2nd Street Project. The cost for the 2nd Street Project has significantly increased over the past five (5) years. The estimated cost for the project is \$700,000. Some of the cost increase is due to the current drainage issues and that the subsoil along 2nd Street is worse than originally thought.

In 2009, the City was awarded a Transportation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$279,675.00. The grant called for a twenty percent (20%) match by the City, which equaled \$69,919.00. In 2010, the City entered into an Agreement with the Gage County Historical Society, wherein they would pay for a portion of the project in the amount of \$28,067.00.

Review of 2nd Street Project (continued)

Some suggestions for the 2nd Street Project were to narrow the road, not replace the bricks as originally planned, or simply address the drainage issues and walk away from the grant. The City would have to reimburse the State approximately \$14,000.00 for services provided to date on the grant.

With the increase of cost, the City's portion of the project is approximately \$300,000.00. Currently, the City has budgeted \$112,000.00 for FY15.

Repeal Board Policy #99 – Cutting of Curbs, Streets, and/or Alleys

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, gave an overview of Board Policy #99 – Cutting of Curbs, Streets, and/or Alleys. Last summer, Board Policy #82 was repealed after the City Council adopted Ordinance 13-027 that addressed the same issues. While preparing to place the Board Policies on the City website, it was found that Board Policy #99 addressed the same issues as covered in Ordinance 13-027. Therefore, Board Policy #99 is obsolete and it is his recommendation to repeal it.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Baehr to repeal Board Policy #99.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovksy, Baehr, Eskra, Moon

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Video of Sanitary Sewer Lines

The Board watched a video of the sanitary sewer lines that the WPC Department recorded with the new camera. While reviewing the video, there were some taps that appeared to be blocked. It was recommended by Board Member Baehr, that a letter be sent to home owners informing them that there may be a blockage in their sewer line in order to possibly prevent a sewer backup in the future. Administration is to draft a letter to be sent to homeowners.

Vouchers

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

Moved by Moon, 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: Vetrovksy, Baehr, Eskra, Moon

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned

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

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovksy, Baehr, Eskra, Moon

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.