

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

### ROLL CALL

Attending: Boardmembers: Eskra, Leech, Moon, and Moran.

Absent: Boardmembers: Baehr.

Chairman Dave Eskra announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is available in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve agenda as submitted.
- b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting.
- c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular BPW Board meeting on August 12, 2015.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Leech, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Leech, Moon, Moran

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

### PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

There were no public hearings/bids.

### RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

### ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

### PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Recommend Approval of Change Order #1 decrease in the amount of \$350.00 and final contract price of \$160,638.00 to Ditch Diggers for the Highway 77 Big Blue Water Main Crossing Project to Mayor and City Council.**

James Burroughs, City Engineer, presented Change Order #1, a decrease in the amount of \$350.00, as a result of pulling the seeding portion out of the contract. The Water Department did that work themselves instead of having the contractor come back to complete. Burroughs noted the project went well and came in under budget.

Moved by Leech, seconded by Moran, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to approve Change Order #1 decrease in the amount of \$350.00 and final contract price of \$160,638.00 to Ditch Diggers for the the Highway 77 Big Blue Water Main Crossing Project.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Leech, Moon, Moran  
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**Recommend Approval of Biennial Budget for FY2016 & FY2017 to Mayor and City Council.**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted that at the previous budget review meeting Boardmembers inquired what the difference in bond payments would be between \$6 million and \$10 million dollars for the WPC plant improvements. Tempelmeyer reported that for a twenty-five (25) year note, the annual payment for \$10 million would be \$682,000, while the payment for \$6 million would be \$411,000. Currently it is in the budget to bring in \$400,000 annually to fund the improvements made prior to 2021. Tempelmeyer noted Administration feels the Department should bring in enough funds in order to make the bond payment, adding the City will look to bond out \$6 million dollars.

The other inquiry was how long the payback from the AMI system would be. Tempelmeyer noted the payback would be approximately 6.7 years when looking at voltage control and the reduction of at least one (1) employee. Mayor Wirth inquired if there would be an option to opt-out of the AMI system and Tempelmeyer noted there would not. Boardmember Moran inquired what the timeline of implementation of the AMI system is. Tempelmeyer noted that the meters purchased for FY15 and FY16 should be installed by December 2015 and the meters that will be purchased for FY17 will be installed by the end of 2016.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Moran, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to approve the Biennial Budget for the Electric Department, Water Department, WPC Department, and Street Department for FY2016 & FY2017.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Leech, Moon, Moran  
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Leech, seconded by Moon, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Eskra, Leech, Moon, Moran  
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

**Bob Moran, Secretary**

**Dave Eskra, Chairman**