

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 15th day of April, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Boardmembers: None.

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 April 1, 2015.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$13,679.44.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
 1. Approval of claims to Security First Bank totaling \$32,789.84.
 2. Approval of balance of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$433,329.37.

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

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommend Award of the Mill & Overlay Project #15-002 to Pavers, Inc.

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the recommendation from James Burroughs, City Engineer, for the Mill & Overlay Project #15-002 to the Board. One (1) bid was received from Pavers, Inc. in the amount of \$396,789.05. The City has budgeted approximately \$344,728 for the project. The project was sent out for bid with four (4) separate bid sections to allow the City some flexibility in awarding the bid to fit within the budget. The Board was provided a spreadsheet with the options recommended by Burroughs. Boardmember Baehr inquired if receiving only one (1) bid was cause for concern and Tempelmeyer noted that there was reason to believe another company was going to submit a bid; however, they did not do so by the deadline. Tempelmeyer noted Burroughs was going to contact that company and he had not heard why that occurred. Boardmember Leech inquired if there was a timeline on the project. Tempelmeyer noted that in the bid documents, the contractor was given the opportunity to select when the project will be completed. Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, noted that the Street Department may be able to assist with the installation of the ADA ramps as required on this project which could decrease the amount of expenditures on this project.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Baehr, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to award the Mill & Overlay Project #15-002 to Pavers, Inc.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Recommend Award of the Miscellaneous Concrete Street Repairs Project #15-005 to Tiemann Construction

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the recommendation from James Burroughs, City Engineer, for the Miscellaneous Concrete Street Repairs Project #15-005. Two (2) bids were received and Tiemann Construction was the apparent low bid at \$47,562.09.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to award of the Miscellaneous Concrete Street Repairs Project #15-005 to Tiemann Construction.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Nitrate Report

Steve Kelley, Water Superintendent, reviewed the nitrate report with the Board. There were no areas of concern. Kelley noted that the levels have dropped in recent years due to farmers gathering soil testing prior to applying chemicals on the fields.

Moved by Leech, seconded by Moran, to receive and place the nitrate report on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NPPD Contract Update

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, gave the Board an update on the ongoing contract negotiations with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD). Tempelmeyer noted NPPD is currently proposing three (3) contracts for their customers to choose from. The first option is for a twenty-five (25) year term and would set out performance standards that NPPD must meet. As long as NPPD meets the standards customers cannot get out of the contract; however, should NPPD not meet those standards, customers would be eligible to leave at no cost. Tempelmeyer noted that NPPD has not fallen below the proposed performance standards in the last decade. The second option is for a twenty (20) year term and would allow the customer to purchase up to fifty percent (50%) of their energy from another provider. If the customer purchases less than fifty percent (50%) of their energy from NPPD, they would have to pay an exit fee. Customers under this option would see a rate increase of four percent (4%). The third option, referred to as the Southern option, would extend the current contract fifteen (15) years. This option would not have an exit fee; however, customers would have a rate increase of ten percent (10%) plus the base rate.

Boardmember Moran and Chairman Eskra noted there were several interesting facts/thoughts in a recent article in the Lincoln Journal Star regarding NPPD. Boardmember Moran inquired why Norris appears to be less concerned with staying with NPPD. Tempelmeyer noted that he has

not heard an explanation other than Norris feels NPPD has provided low rates and treated them well. Boardmember Moon inquired who is responsible for tracking the performance standards. Tempelmeyer noted an outside party would track the standards. Mayor Wirth inquired what the end date to give notice to NPPD if the City decides to leave. Tempelmeyer noted the City would have to give notice by December 31, 2016 and also noted that Pat Pope, CEO of NPPD, has informed all customers that NPPD will be giving notice by that date for those who have not signed new contracts or given prior notice to NPPD. Boardmember Baehr noted it feels as though NPPD is using loyalty as a key to staying with them by setting penalties high enough to force the loyalty. Tempelmeyer will continue to bring current updates to the Board.

Monthly Department Report

The monthly department report was presented. Some highlights include: Administration conducted an onsite visit of Central City's Solar Farm; the Finance Department has been working diligently to review the financial statements for the previous month and noted the audit will be presented prior to the end of April; the training for the AMI system is going well and the Electric Department is hoping for early implementation; and the WPC Department employees have been learning how to use the Inflow & Infiltration flow meters in order to measure the flow in problem areas.

Boardmember Baehr left at 12:58 p.m.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Moran, to receive and place the monthly department report on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Moon, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Eskra, Chairman

Attest:

Bob Moran, Secretary