

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 29th 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 15, 2015.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$25,927.45.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,053,408.86.

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

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution authorizing signatories on behalf of the Beatrice Board of Public Works.

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, presented a resolution authorizing signatories on behalf of the Beatrice Board of Public Works with the recent staff changes. The resolution would authorize Tobias J. Tempelmeyer and Linda S. Koch to sign checks, and authorize Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, Linda S. Koch, and Dale Brase to electronically transfer funds on behalf of the Beatrice Board of Public Works.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Moran, to amend the authorized signatories on all checks written on behalf of the Board of Public Works.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution appointing Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, Linda S. Koch, and Erin Saathoff as trustees of the Beatrice Board of Public Works Retirement Plans.

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, presented a resolution appointing himself, Linda S. Koch, and Erin Saathoff as trustees of the Beatrice Board of Public Works Retirement Plans.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Baehr, to appoint Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, Linda S. Koch, and Erin Saathoff as trustees of the Beatrice Board of Public Works Retirement Plans.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public Forum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommend Award of the Curb & Gutter Replacement Project #15-006 to R.L. Tiemann Construction

James Burroughs, City Engineer, presented his recommendation for the Curb & Gutter Replacement Project #15-006 to R.L. Tiemann Construction. Two (2) bids were received and R.L. Tiemann Construction was the apparent low bid at \$46,133.20. Burroughs' estimate was \$46,591.60 and \$50,000.00 has been budgeted for this project.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moran, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to award the Curb & Gutter Replacement Project #15-006 to R.L. Tiemann Construction.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Recommend Award of Hwy 77 Big Blue River Water Main Crossing Project to Ditch Diggers

James Burroughs, City Engineer, presented his recommendation for the Hwy 77 Big Blue River Water Main Crossing Project to Ditch Diggers of Salina, Kansas. Olsson Associates is the engineer for this project and their estimate was \$246,750.00. Five (5) bids were received ranging from \$160,988.00 to \$298,979.00, with Ditch Diggers the apparent low bid at \$160,988.00. Burroughs noted that the biggest variance in the cost is due to the cost of boring through rock under the Big Blue River. Ditch Diggers has a vast experience with boring through rock. Mayor Wirth inquired how deep under the river the bore would be. Burroughs noted that it is typically around five feet (5'). Burroughs also noted that the start date on this project will be after Homestead Days in order to avoid construction delays to and from Chautauqua Park. Boardmember Baehr inquired if the new water main would be affected should the Nebraska Department of Roads replace the bridge in the future. Burroughs noted that the new water main

will be installed close to the alley between 6th Street and 7th Street and should not be affected if the current bridge is replaced.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to award the Hwy 77 Big Blue River Water Main Crossing Project to Ditch Diggers.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Clean City Week Report

Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, reported to the Board that this Clean City Week was the largest year and noted there were no accidents or injuries. Moore noted there were 157 total loads and stated one of the reasons for the increase was due to the large amount of smaller items instead of the large items as intended with the program. The total cost for the year came to \$16,845.04. Chairman Eskra inquired if there would be any changes made to the program for future years. Mayor Wirth noted he has spoken with Moore regarding making modifications to the program. Moore noted there was uncertainty on how to enforce that the program is intended for the large scale items. Boardmember Baehr inquired how many letters were sent to residents regarding items remaining at the curb that were not accepted. Tempelmeyer noted he was unsure of the number of letters sent out. Boardmember Leech noted he had some citizens inquire if the Department could pick up the items along the highways first, so that people passing through do not have that vision of the City. Moore noted they could change the routes, however he was unsure that would help as you would still have people setting items out early.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Leech, to receive and place the clean city week report on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

February 2015 Financials

Linda Koch, Finance Director, presented the Board with the final figures for February 2015. Koch inquired if the Board would like any other information provided to them. Boardmembers Baehr and Leech both noted they would like to see a year to date comparison shown beginning for FY 2016.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Moon, to receive and place the February 2015 Financials on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

2014 NMPP Rate Study

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the 2014 NMPP survey results. There are 139 customers who participate in the study. Tempelmeyer noted that he was pleased that the electric rates for all of the various categories came in better than the previous year. Tempelmeyer noted that he was also pleased with where the water and sewer rates came in. Boardmember Baehr inquired if the infrastructure improvement charges were included in the water and sewer rates.

Tempelmeyer noted that those charges were included and that was the reason that the sewer rates dropped a little.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moran, to receive and place the 2014 NMPP Rate Study on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Moran, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Eskra, Chairman

Attest:

Bob Moran, Secretary