

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 2nd day of December, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. in 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 November 10, 2015.
- e. Approval of minutes of special BPW Board meeting on November 16, 2015.
- f. Approval of minutes of special BPW Board meeting on November 23, 2015.
- g. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council.
- h. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
- i. Recommend approval of the Renewal Agreement for Maintenance Agreement No. 4 between the City of Beatrice and the State of Nebraska Department of Roads, to the Mayor and City Council.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moran, 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

There were no public hearings/bids.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance establishing electric utility rates in the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, in accordance with Section 26-41 of the Beatrice City Code.

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the proposed electric rate ordinance. The proposed ordinance has an increase of 3.8%. Tempelmeyer noted that should the City decide to sign the contract with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), a revised ordinance would be

brought back before the Board, as NPPD has indicated that when a wholesale customer signs the contract, the rate increase would be lowered to 0.6%. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted the proposed rate increase was applied to all rate classes.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to approve the ordinance establishing electric utility rates in the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, in accordance with Section 26-41 of the Beatrice City Code.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC FORUM

Ken Curry and Chad Podolak, NPPD Representatives, appeared at public forum to answer any questions the Board had on the proposed contract. Podolak noted that to date, ninety percent (90%) of NPPD's current wholesale customers are extending their contract with NPPD. Podolak noted NPPD values the relationship between the City and NPPD and they will continue to work to provide low and stable rates. Boardmember Moran inquired if the proposed twenty (20) year contract was negotiable. Curry noted that the length of the contract is not negotiable, as the long term contract helps with securing bonding ratings and to help keep costs lower. Boardmember Moran inquired if the ninety percent (90%) of current wholesale customers that are extending their contracts is a percentage of NPPD's load or a percent of the total number of NPPD's customers. Podolak noted that number is based on the percentage of NPPD's load.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

There were no discussions/reports.

A tour of the water reservoirs located at 4th & Grant Street was offered to anyone interested following the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular BPW Board Meeting is December 16, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. in the BPW Service Center Conference Room, 500 North Commerce Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Leech, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Moran, Secretary

Dave Eskra, Chairman