

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 25th day of February, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Boardmembers: Vetrovsky, Baehr, and Eskra.

Absent: Boardmembers: Moon and Moran.

Chairman Don Vetrovsky 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 February 11, 2015.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$2,197.08.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
 - (1) Approval of claims to Security First Bank totaling \$97,570.02.
 - (2) Approval of balance of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,298,573.33.

Boardmember Baehr asked if the payment to Sapp Bros for fuel was for purchasing on the open market. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted that it was on the open market as the fuel contract will begin April 1, 2015.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Eskra
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Boardmember Baehr abstained from item f(1), therefore there was not a quorum to approve said item. Item f(1) will be brought back to the next BPW Board meeting for approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Recommend Award of Armor Coat Paving Project #15-001 to Topkote, Inc.

James Burroughs, City Engineer, reported to the Board that on February 19, 2015 the City received two (2) bids for the Armor Coat Paving Project #15-001. Bids were received from The Road Guy Construction for \$33,220.35 and Topkote, Inc. for \$27,905.10. Burroughs noted that his estimate for the project was \$30,452.00. Topkote, Inc. has done work for the City in the past

and they are deemed a responsible bidder. Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted that while the project is taking place in town, the company will also be armor coating the park roads. Burroughs noted that the armor coating of the park roads will be noted in a change order and will be paid for out of the Public Properties budget.

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Baehr, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to award the Armor Coat Paving Project #15-001 to Topkote, Inc.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovksy, Baehr, Eskra
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

NPPD/WAPA Contracts

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, updated the Board on the contracts the City currently has with Nebraska Public Power (NPPD) and Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for our WAPA allocation and the way we are currently billed. Since NPPD has joined the Southwest Power Pool (SPP), the method in which we are billed is in violation of SPP regulations. NPPD is recommending billing the City on a Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) system, which should in turn save the City approximately \$40,000.00. If the City continues with the current method, it is anticipated that the City's cost would increase approximately \$166,000.00 annually. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted that this is more of a bookkeeping and transmission change. Boardmember Eskra inquired if this was similar to the change that was made when prior General Manager, Neal Niedfeldt, suggested we use WAPA for part of our allocation. Feist noted that at that time the City changed to a point to point transmission and saved the City approximately \$110-120,000.00 annually. Boardmember Baehr inquired why this change is being made now. Feist noted that NPPD joined the SPP in March 2013 and SPP made some changes in delivery concepts late last year. Gary Thompson, NPPD Board Member, noted that WAPA will be joining the SPP later this year, which could result in future changes.

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Baehr, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to enter into the contracts with NPPD/WAPA.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovksy, Baehr, Eskra
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Responses to Request for Qualifications for Local Renewable Generation

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reported to the Board that the City received three (3) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Local Renewable Generation. Our contract with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) allows for the City to have local generation up to the greater of two (2) megawatts or three percent (3%) of our total load. Tempelmeyer noted that the developer would install, own, and maintain the renewable generation and the City would then enter into an agreement in which the City would purchase all of the power from that generation resource. Boardmember Baehr inquired what type of renewable generation the City would look at using. Tempelmeyer noted that the company the City would decide to work with would do a

feasibility study first in order to determine which form would work best for the City. Boardmember Eskra inquired if any of the companies were active in Nebraska. Tempelmeyer stated that two (2) of the three (3) were, noting that Blue Stem is currently working with Norris Public Power with wind generation and Messner Development worked with Central City developing solar generation. Mayor Wirth inquired if there were any tax credits available for the generation. Tempelmeyer noted that while tax credits were available, the City is unable to take advantage of them. A committee will review the RFQs and decide which company to proceed with.

Miscellaneous

Boardmember Baehr inquired about when financials will be presented to the Board. Janet Byars, BPW Office Manager, noted that she will be finishing up the audit this week and working on financials next week. Byars also noted that she could distribute the financials as they are complete or wait until the next Board meeting. Boardmember Baehr noted he would like them as they are complete in order to have more time to review them.

Gary Thompson, NPPD Board Member, was present to thank BPW Board Chairman Don Vetrovsky for his support throughout the years.

Board Chairman Don Vetrovsky thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve for the past eighteen (18) years and noted he looks forward to following the Board with their upcoming decisions regarding the WPC Plant and Power Contract. Boardmember Eskra presented Vetrovsky with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service on the Board and to the City of Beatrice.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Eskra, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Eskra
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Eskra, Board Member

Attest:

Darin Baehr, Board Member