

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 13th day of May, 2015 at 12:13 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Boardmembers: Moran.

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 29, 2015.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$26,812.83.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$548,921.85.
- g. Approval of write-off of bad debts in the amount of \$5,993.38.

Boardmember Baehr inquired what the payment to Barnhart Crane Rental was for. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted it was for moving a substation transformer. Feist also noted that the local company did not have a crane large enough for the project and that Barnhart was the only company that responded.

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

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update Regarding Big Blue River Flood

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, wanted to thank the various departments for the wonderful job and quick response to the Big Blue River flood. Tempelmeyer noted the departments have been working this week on cleanup. Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, reported to the Board that the Department used motogradors to remove up to four inches (4") of aggregate left behind after the water receded and then brought in the street sweepers. The Street Department went around Monday, May 11th to pick up the barricades that they could find. Moore noted that the water came up so fast, many times the crews had to go back to intersections previously marked with barricades, as the water was coming through the storm sewer.

Chairman Eskra inquired if there was a preliminary estimate yet. Tempelmeyer noted that the Department Heads are currently putting together their estimates to be submitted to Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) by Thursday, May 14th. Chairman Eskra also inquired how much would be reimbursed. Tempelmeyer noted that NEMA first has to declare a disaster. If there is not enough damage, it will not be declared a disaster, thus there would be no reimbursement. Linda Koch, Finance Director, noted that if NEMA does declare a disaster, seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost will be reimbursed. Greg Butcher, City Attorney, noted that in order for a disaster to be declared, Gage County as a whole would need to have \$78,000 in damages reported and at the state level, \$2.5 million dollars would need to be reported in order to have a regional or state disaster designation. Boardmember Moon inquired if the personal expenses were included or if it was just City expenses that were taken into consideration. Butcher noted that it is only based on City expenses. Butcher also noted he went around the City taking pictures of all City property that was damaged and would need to be repaired and/or replaced.

Steve Kelley, Water Superintendent, noted he was unsure what damages his department may have to repair as the river is still too high in areas for anyone to get to in order to assess damages. Chairman Eskra inquired if BNSF had moved their line after the Water Department relocated their water line. Kelley noted they had not moved their line. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted there was some damage towards the west end of the new railroad line. Chairman Eskra inquired if there was any damage in the other area the railroad came close to the river that the City had concerns about and Feist noted they are not able to get to that area yet, as the river is still too high. Kelley noted that they may need to relocate their transmission line to a different location if the railroad moves their track in that area.

Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted that it is still unknown if any of the equipment located in the parks will need to be replaced. Feist noted they should be able to wash out the equipment, let it dry, and it should work.

Dean Kelch, Chief Plant Operator, reported that the WPC Department had to bypass the Treatment Plant due to the flooding. Kelch notified Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) of this and all of the paperwork has been filed. Kelch noted that the Plant normally pumps 1.4 million gallons. The graph registered up to 10 million gallons, and with the flood waters, the graph was off the chart.

Monthly Department Report

The monthly department report was presented. Some highlights include: Administration continues to meet with NPPD regarding contract negotiations; the Finance Department presented the March 2015 financials and noted BDK, Inc. will be present at the next BPW meeting to give the Board their report on the FY14 audit; with the bids coming in lower than expected for the South 6th Street Water Main Replacement Project, the Water Department will be adding an additional water main replacement project this summer on 7th Street, Perkins to Doane Street; and the Street Department has ordered additional supplies for the treatment of mosquitoes this summer due to the recent flood.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Dave Eskra, Chairman

Attest:

Darin Baehr, Acting Secretary