

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015 at 12:10 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 special BPW Board meeting on August 27, 2015.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$22,457.64
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,533,263.50.

Moved by Leech, 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 to revise the water rate charges for water purchased from the City of Beatrice, Nebraska**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, presented to the Board the proposed water rate ordinance. With the proposed rate ordinance, an average residential customer would see an increase of \$1.40/month and an average commercial customer would see an increase of

\$6.40/month. The monthly base fee service charge will have an increase of fifty cents (\$0.50) per month. The total amount billed based on the monthly usage will increase from \$1.95/1,000 gallons to \$2.10/1,000 gallons.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to approve the ordinance to revise the water rate charges for water purchased from the City of Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**Ordinance to regulate the fees and charges for the use of the Wastewater Treatment System of the City of Beatrice, Nebraska.**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, presented to the Board the proposed sewer rate ordinance. With the proposed rate ordinance, an average residential customer would see an increase of \$3.38/month and an average commercial customer would see an increase of \$6.01/month. The proposed changes would increase the base fee from \$10.50/month to \$13.50/month for both residential and commercial customers. The total amount billed based on the monthly usage will increase from \$2.02/1,000 gallons per month to \$2.25/1,000 gallons per month. The proposed monthly infrastructure improvement charge would remain the same. Boardmember Baehr expressed his concern with not raising the monthly infrastructure improvement charge as the primary reason for the increase is to help with upcoming plant improvement costs. After much discussion, it was recommended to increase the monthly base fee from \$10.50/month to \$11.50/month, to increase the monthly infrastructure improvement charge for residential customers from \$3.00/month to \$5.00/month and commercial customers from \$4.00/month to \$6.00/month, and to increase the monthly usage charge from \$2.02/1,000 gallons to \$2.25/1,000 gallons.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to approve the ordinance to regulate the fees and charges for the use of the Wastewater Treatment System of the City of Beatrice, Nebraska, as amended.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No one appeared at public forum.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussions/reports.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Leech, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**Bob Moran, Secretary**

**Dave Eskra, Chairman**