

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 16<sup>th</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 31, 2015.
- e. Approval of minutes of regular BPW Board meeting on September 2, 2015.
- f. Approval of minutes of special BPW Board meeting on September 8, 2015.
- g. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$35,817.00.
- h. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,287,366.08.
- i. Approval of write-off of bad debts in the amount of \$6,566.58.

Moved by Moon, 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

There were no ordinances.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No one appeared at public forum.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Board Policy #147 – Water Tap Fees**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, presented to the Board the proposed policy regarding water tap fees. The proposed policy would raise the water tap fee from \$1,200.00 to \$1,350.00 for the installation of a 1” water tap. In FY15, the Water Department installed ten (10) water taps, with an average cost of \$1,500.00. Boardmember Moran inquired why the City does not pass along the entire cost for the installation. Tempelmeyer noted the City has always had a set fee. It was the general consensus of the Board that the fee should be raised to \$1,350.00 and that the fee be looked at annually in order to review the cost associated with the installation.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Baehr, to adopt Board Policy #147.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

### **Wind Zoning Regulations**

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the wind zoning regulations that the County is looking at amending. Information has been sent to Bluestem for their review in order to keep everyone informed, should the City choose to install wind turbines as a source of renewable energy. Tempelmeyer will keep the Board updated with any future decisions.

### **Monthly Department Report**

The monthly department report was presented. Some highlights include: JK Energy will present their recommendation in a joint meeting with the City Council and BPW Board on October 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.; the Electric Department has approximately five hundred (500) AMI meters installed; the Engineering Department reported they are still working with Pavers, Inc. on the schedule for the mill and overlay project, the company will face liquidated damages after October 15, 2015; the WPC Department will be repairing the pad at the Compost Site in order to stay in compliance with NDEQ; and the Street Department completed their portion of the demolition of the property at 102 West Court Street, the Public Properties will seed the property and the project will be complete.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to receive the monthly department reports and place 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 September 30, 2015 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Leech, seconded by Moran, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

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Dave Eskra, Chairman

Attest:

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Bob Moran, Secretary