

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 30th day of September, 2014 at 12:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Boardmembers: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Eskra, Moon, and Moran.
Absent: Boardmembers: None.

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 September 10, 2014.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$57,772.33.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
 - (1) Approval of claims to Midwest Livestock Systems totaling \$10.60.
 - (2) Approval of balance of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,600,619.74.

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Baehr, that the items listed under the consent agenda (with the exception of items e and f be approved, accepted and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Eskra, Moon, and Moran
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Boardmember Baehr questioned the salary correction on the Street Department claims. Janet Byars, BPW Office Manager, stated that it was a correction in the way that time was billed when other Departments helped with snow removal. Baehr also inquired on the invoice to the Concrete Doctor for mudjacking. Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, stated that this work was done on 2nd Street Bridge. A question was also asked on the Envirotech invoice for de-icer. Moore reported to the Board that this is a new product that the Department will be using.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moran, that item e on the consent agenda be approved.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Eskra, Moon, and Moran
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Boardmember Vetrovsky questioned payment to HD Supply in the amount of \$13,257.30 for a meter. This was for multiple meters, not a singular item. A question was asked regarding the repairs to the old jet truck. Baehr questioned the payment to BPW - General in the amount of \$50,000.00. Byars stated that this was the reimbursement from the Water Department for the new building.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Baehr, that items f, f(1) and f(2) on the consent agenda be approved.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Eskra, Moon, and Moran
Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Boardmember Vetrovsky abstained from item f(1) under the consent agenda.

ORDINANCES

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

Tobias J. Tempelmeyer, presented the Board the changes proposed to the sewer rate ordinance, along with a comparison from the area market for septic waste hauler fees. The average charge is thirty-nine dollars (\$39.00) for an eight hundred (800) gallon tank. Roy Lauby and Greg Lauby, of Lauby Plumbing, were present to discuss their concerns with the proposed minimum charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Boardmembers discussed what they felt was a reasonable increase was. It was felt that if we are charging our customers a monthly infrastructure fee of \$3.00 for our residential customers, a reasonable increase should also be passed to those who use our facility periodically. The question regarding if a septic hauler has an abnormal substance what is done with that. Currently, if a septic hauler comes in with an abnormal substance such as fats, oils, grease, or molasses, those haulers are asked to dump their load in woodchips at the Compost Site and are charged approximately \$100.00 per load.

The consensus of the Boardmembers was that the rate should be set at \$35.00 per 1,000 gallons, and anything over 1,000 would be an additional \$35.00. The revised ordinance will be brought back to the Board to review prior to making their recommendation to the City Council. No action was taken at this time.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mosquito Report

Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, reported to the Board that the Department sprayed last week. With the cooler weather, it is anticipated that they will not spray again unless temperatures rise up to 80° or higher for a week timeframe. Moore reported that he does have enough chemicals for two (2) more sprays.

Councilman Vetrovsky reported that he had been contacted by a landlord regarding a policy that had recently been put in place. Boardmembers asked that this policy be brought to the next meeting for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2014 at 12:15 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Eskra, Moon, and Moran
 Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.