

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Attending: Boardmembers: Vetrovsky, Baehr, Moon, and Moran.

Absent: Boardmembers: Eskra.

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 January 14, 2015.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$14,880.36.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,126,805.99.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Agreement with Olsson Associates for the Wastewater Treatment Facility

James Burroughs, City Engineer, reviewed the proposed agreement with Olsson Associates for the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Two (2) large energy efficiency pumps, along with new VFD's and electrical work, will be installed in the two (2) vacant spots in the pump house. Currently the Plant has three (3) large pumps, however they frequently trip which in turn causes the Plant to not run as efficiently as it should. The three (3) pumps in use will be bypassed and used in emergency situations. Chairman Vetrovsky inquired if the \$22,800 price included the engineering and if this was a budgeted amount. Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted that it was a fixed fee and this project was moved forward due to the finding that the replacement of a sanitary sewer line was found unnecessary at this time. Boardmember Moon inquired how big the pumps were. Burroughs noted that they are approximately four foot (4') tall. Boardmember Baehr inquired if these upgrades will fit into the future requirements and upgrades that will be necessary for the Plant and Burroughs noted that they would.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Baehr, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to enter into the agreement with Olsson Associates.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

## Fuel Bids

The following fuel bids were received.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Total Bid</u>
Sapp Brothers	Unleaded Fuel	23,000 gallons @ \$1.989
	Diesel	23,000 gallons @ \$1.935
Farmer's Cooperative	Unleaded Fuel	No bid submitted
	Diesel	23,000 gallons @ \$2.57/gal

Discussion was held on the pros and cons of entering into a contract at this time. Boardmember Baehr stated he felt we should enter into a contract for diesel fuel, but not unleaded fuel at this time. Boardmember Moran asked Tobias Tempelmeyer if he was comfortable with entering in to the contract and Tempelmeyer noted he was comfortable with the numbers as they are under the budgeted amount. Boardmember Moon noted he felt that we should let it ride for a couple of months to see where the market moves and revisit at that time since the contract would not go into effect until April 1, 2015.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moran to accept Sapp Brothers bids for 23,000 gallons of Unleaded Fuel at \$1.989/gallon and 23,000 gallons of #2 Premium Dyed Diesel at \$1.935/gallon.

Roll Call: Yea: Vetrovksy, Baehr, Moon, Moran

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED

## Landlord Notification Policy

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reported to the Board that he has not had any contact with the Gage County Rental Property Owner's Association since December 5, 2014. A letter and the proposed policy was sent to Elizabeth Jurgens on December 18, 2014 and stated that if no response was made by January 9, 2015, the policy would be taken to the Board for approval. Boardmember Baehr wished to have this item tabled until the next meeting when Boardmember Eskra could be present, as Baehr felt Eskra may have a better feel for rental property dealings. No action was taken at this time.

## Update on NPPD Wholesale Contract Negotiations

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, updated the Board on the ongoing NPPD wholesale contract negotiations. The most recent update is that NPPD has notified all customers that they will not be extending their current contract and that all customers will be given notice by December 31, 2016. Pat Pope, CEO of NPPD, has proposed a 20-25 year contract, which would include exit fees. Tempelmeyer noted that NPPD is currently increasing rates for those customers who have chosen to leave NPPD and not sign a new contract. Tempelmeyer also noted that NPPD plans to use the fees to pay for their debt, the Nebraska City Power Plant, Wind Agreement, and past retirement costs of approximately \$44.6 million dollars. Boardmember Moran inquired what steps would be taken if the City decided not to renew a contract with NPPD. Tempelmeyer noted we would have to look at buying the power from the open market. Tempelmeyer noted that Pope stated a new contract would be presented to the NPPD Board in March 2015. Tempelmeyer and Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, will be meeting with other

power suppliers. Chairman Vetrovsky directed Tempelmeyer to invite Gary Thompson to a future BPW Board Meeting to express the City's concerns with the proposed new contract.

### **Miscellaneous**

Don Vetrovsky announced that his term expires on April 1, 2015 and he has submitted a request to Mayor Wirth not to be reappointed to the Board. His last meeting will be February 25, 2015.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moran, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Don Vetrovsky, Chairman

Attest:

Bob Moran, Secretary