

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 13th day of January, 2016 at 12:10 p.m. in the BPW Service Center Conference Room, 500 North Commerce 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 December 16, 2015.
- e. Approval of minutes of special BPW Board meeting on December 21, 2015.
- f. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council.
- g. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
- h. Recommend approval of Pay Request #3 to Building Crafts, Inc. for the Beatrice Water Pollution Control Raw Pumps #4 and #5 project in the amount of \$82,612.80.
- i. Approval of write-off of bad debts in the amount of \$8,006.25.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Leech, 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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

There were no public hearings/bids.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution executing the Certificate of Compliance to the Nebraska Department of Roads regarding roadway maintenance.

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reviewed the resolution executing the Certificate of Compliance to the Nebraska Department of Roads regarding roadway maintenance. The City receives \$1,575.00 per lane mile for its' 31.26 lane miles from NDOR, for a total of \$49,234.50. Chairman Eskra inquired if this amount is sufficient for the amount of maintenance performed by

the Street Department. Tempelmeyer noted when you take into consideration the amount of snow removal, crack sealing, etc., this amount is probably not sufficient. Linda Koch, Finance Director, noted she could check into when the last adjustment was made for the rate per mile.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to execute the Certificate of Compliance to the Nebraska Department of Roads regarding roadway maintenance.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ORDINANCES

There were no ordinances.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

Monthly Department Report

The monthly department report was presented. Some highlights include: Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted the IBEW Union Contract has been settled for a term of three (3) years and giving employees a 2.5% increase each year; Linda Koch, Finance Director, noted the financials for November 2015 are in line with the budget; the Engineering Department has been working with Public Properties on finishing up the bids for the Southeast Trail and hope to bid the project in February; the Electric Department is working with Landis + Gyr in order for the AMI metering system to talk to the Caselle billing software; the Water Department included a graph of the total gallons pumped into Beatrice over the years, noting in 2014 nearly the same amount was pumped as in 1973; the WPC Department reported the pump project is complete and will be put into operation on January 19, 2016; and the Street Department currently has a detour set up on Court Street, allowing the Kensington to install a new elevator.

Moved by Leech, seconded by Baehr, to receive the monthly department reports and place on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Socrata Presentation

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, gave an overview of the Socrata software that will allow the budget to be more transparent and visible to the citizens of Beatrice. Erin Saathoff, City Clerk, gave a brief presentation on how to use the software.

Other Discussion

Chairman Eskra inquired the status upon giving Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) notice that the City would not be signing a new contract with them. Tobias Tempelmeyer, City Administrator, noted a letter was sent giving notice pursuant to the contract. The City received a letter from NPPD on December 31, 2015, stating the notice was received, however, NPPD did not understand the notice, noting the City would remain a full customer for the remaining five (5) years. Tempelmeyer noted this issue has been submitted to the City's attorney for review. Tempelmeyer also noted that upon giving NPPD notice of termination, the City was informed that NPPD will be limiting the EnergyWise funds and indicated the City's allocation will be exceeded in January, as a commercial business applied for a large rebate, using much of the \$36,500.00.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular BPW Board Meeting will be held January 27, 2016 at 12:10 p.m., in the BPW Service Center Conference Room, 500 North Commerce 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.

Darin Baehr, Board Member

Dave Eskra, Chairman