

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Boardmembers: Eskra.

Acting Chairman Bob Moran 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 June 15, 2016.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
- g. Approval of BPW Energy Efficiency applications.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Baehr, 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.

## DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

### JK Energy Consulting Services

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reported Bluestem has been exploring options of wind or solar as an option for renewable energy and recently brought the option of building a natural gas power plant to produce the necessary capacity needed to serve the City. Bluestem would build, own, and operate the facility at no cost to the City and in return the City would agree to purchase the capacity from them. Boardmember Moon inquired if the proposed natural gas power plant would run on a regular basis. Tempelmeyer noted it would and Bluestem would look to sell the energy on the open market. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, noted one of the advantages of a plant like this is it can be up and running within ten (10) minutes from a cold start. Boardmember Baehr inquired the number of potential jobs the plant would bring in. Tempelmeyer noted an estimated eight (8) to ten (10) jobs would be created, also noting the City would benefit with the increase of taxes that the plant would pay. Boardmember Moran inquired what the term of the contract would be. Tempelmeyer noted the contract would be for a term of twenty (20) years, with a set price the City would pay for the capacity. Boardmember Moran also inquired what the City's cost would be. Tempelmeyer noted the cost for the consulting services would be approximately \$9,000.00.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to enter into the letter agreement from JK Energy Consulting, LLC, to provide ongoing consulting services.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

### Baird Holm Conflict Waiver

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted that since Baird Holm represents both the City and Bluestem, a conflict waiver has been requested regarding the potential development of the proposed natural gas plant near Beatrice for the purpose of producing the City's capacity.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Baehr, to recommend to Mayor and City Council to approve the Request for Waiver of Conflict of Interest from Baird Holm.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

## ADJOURNMENT

The next regular BPW Board Meeting will be held July 13, 2016 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 12:32 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**Darin Baehr, Acting Secretary**

**Bob Moran, Acting Chairman**