

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 14th day of January, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. at the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

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

Absent: Boardmembers: Moran.

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 December 31, 2014.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims to City Council in the amount of \$10,769.75.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims.
 - (1) Approval of claims to Security First Bank totaling \$357,301.25.
 - (2) Approval of balance of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$440,685.87.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Boardmember Baehr abstained from item f1.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Street Sweeper

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reported to the Board that Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, has had a chance to look for comparable equipment to the 2012 Elgin Eagle F sweeper. Moore was able to find a handful of sweepers that had recently been sold, all of which were between six (6) to eleven (11) years older than the 2012 and they had significantly higher miles and hours. Those sweepers sold in the range of \$60,000 to \$99,500. Moore noted when he contacted Nebraska Environmental Products to negotiate the \$90,000 payment, they informed him that if they were to get the machine back and sell it, their asking price would be \$125,000. Tempelmeyer noted that as requested Administration received quotes to finance the \$90,000 locally. Boardmember Eskra inquired why the payment didn't coincide with the interest rate. Tempelmeyer noted he was unsure and said a possibility is when the payment is due. Boardmember Baehr asked if the Street Department would be able to find the \$90,000 within the budget. Tempelmeyer noted the Department would be able to find the funds to cover the cost. Tempelmeyer also noted that most financial institutions were willing to extend the payment into the next fiscal year. Boardmember Vetrovsky noted he feels it is important that we retain the additional sweeper and look at moving that sweeper to reserve after it has been financed and at

that time look at entering into a new lease for an additional sweeper. Boardmember Baehr noted he was comfortable with financing for the sweeper with the amount of research that was done.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to purchase the sweeper with the financing option from the financial institute with the lowest payment and the best terms.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Utility Deposits Refunded

Janet Byars, BPW Office Manager, reported to the Board that with the recent revision of the Utility Deposit Policy, forty-five (45) commercial customers will be refunded their deposit as a credit to their account. The total amount to be refunded is \$40,240.00. There are also four (4) Certificates of Deposit that will be released, totaling \$17,371.68. A letter has been sent out to the customers notifying them of this refund. Boardmember Baehr inquired the number of commercial customers on our service. Byars noted that there are approximately five hundred (500). Of those five hundred (500) commercial customers, approximately one hundred eighty-five (185) customers did have a deposit on their account.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Eskra, to receive and place on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

RFQ for Renewable Generation

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, presented to the Board the RFQ for Renewable Generation. Our contract with Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) allows for the City to have local generation up to the greater of two (2) megawatts or three percent (3%) of our total load. Common forms of renewable generation include wind turbines and solar panels. Tempelmeyer noted that the developer would install, own, and maintain the renewable generation and the City would then enter into an agreement in which the City would purchase all of the power from that generation resource. Boardmember Baehr inquired how many wind turbines would be required to generate the two (2) megawatts. Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, stated this would be a small project for a developer as it would only require one (1) to one and one-half (1 ½) wind turbines to generate two (2) megawatts for our load. Feist noted that typically the cost per kilowatt hour generated from wind turbines is around \$0.04 per kilowatt. Using the power from our local generation would offset our cost per kilowatt from NPPD which is about \$0.06. Tempelmeyer noted that this RFQ is for informational purposes to find out what options are available for us.

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Baehr, to recommend to the Mayor and City Council to approve the advertising of the RFQ for Renewable Generation.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Bad Debt Write-Offs for Last Four (4) Months

Tobias Tempelmeyer, presented to the Board the Bad Debts Report for the last four (4) months. Tempelmeyer noted that if you take out the \$33,850.27 being written-off for Store Kraft, the amount is comparable to the amount that was written off in January 2014.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Eskra, to approve the write-off of bad debts in the amount of \$43,974.70.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Monthly Department Report

The monthly department report was presented. Some highlights include: Administration and Superintendents met with the School District on the proposed new elementary building; the wastewater infrastructure fee has been implemented, with \$50,764.00 collected year-to-date; the Water Department has completed the Railroad right-of-way project for a total cost of \$57,588.33; the Street Department noted the One and Six Year road plan will be presented to the City Council on February 2nd and brought to the Board at the next meeting.

Moved by Baehr, seconded by Moon, that the monthly department report be received and placed on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Board of Public Works meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2015 at 12:15 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Eskra, seconded by Moon, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Don Vetrovsky, Chairman

Attest:

Darin Baehr, Acting Secretary