

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 10th day of February, 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 Moran.

Absent: Boardmembers: Moon.

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 January 27, 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. Recommend to the Mayor and City Council to sell property valued in excess of \$10,000.00 for a used compost screener with an estimated value of \$20,000.00.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Baehr, Eskra, Leech, 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

EnergyWise Rebate Program

Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, reported to the Board that upon giving NPPD notice of termination, the City was informed that NPPD would 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. Previously the City was not given a cap if the annual allocation was exceeded, as there were other wholesale customers who did not utilize the EnergyWise program. Tempelmeyer posed the question to the Board of what they would like to see the City do for a rebate program moving forward. Chad Podolak, NPPD Customer Representative, was present to explain the EnergyWise program and answer any questions the Board had. Chairman Eskra noted that moving forward since the 2016 allocation has been used up, the City needs to determine if we will continue to supplement the program for the remainder of the year. Boardmember Baehr inquired if the City's EnergyWise allocation was funded by the City previously. Tempelmeyer noted the funding is part of the bundled rate the City pays for electricity. Boardmember Baehr noted he would like to see the rebate program continue on. Podolak noted that the timing of the Exmark rebate was unfortunate. Podolak went on to explain that all rebates have to be entered prior to the 25th of the month and NPPD was not notified until December 23, 2015 that Exmark had completed their project and was ready to have the work verified. Boardmember Moran inquired if rebates have ever been backdated and Podolak noted rebates are not backdated and this process is consistent with how the funds have been reimbursed since the program started. Mayor Wirth inquired if all of NPPD's customers use the program and Podolak indicated there are some wholesale customers that do not. Mayor Wirth also inquired if there had ever been a limit set on the rebates. Podolak noted there had not been a cap previously. Boardmember Moran inquired what would have happened if two (2) large customers had applied for a \$36,000.00 rebate. Podolak noted both of the customers would have received the rebate. Boardmember Baehr inquired if the City does not use all of their \$36,500.00 allocation, what happens to the balance. Podolak indicated that the City would receive the remaining allocation as a credit on their bill. Tempelmeyer noted this program would be back to a future meeting to discuss what dollar amount they would like to budget for in future years for a rebate program and if there were any programs that the Board wished to discontinue.

Monthly Department Report

The monthly department report was presented. Some highlights include: Tobias Tempelmeyer, General Manager, noted he attended the NPPD customer meeting and has also been working on the Sanitary Garbage contract; Linda Koch, Finance Director, reviewed the financials for December 2015; the Engineering Department noted the plans for 6th and Industrial have been approved by NDOR and hope to go out for bids soon; the Electric Department installed an underground primary extension in the Industrial Park for a new business; the Water Department has been working on testing backflow devices; the WPC Department is accepting applications for the part-time positions at the Compost Site for the upcoming season; and the Street Department had three (3) smaller winter storms in which roads were treated, using approximately 160 pounds of salt and have spent nine (9) days sweeping the gravel left behind.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular BPW Board Meeting will be held March 2, 2016 at 12:10 p.m., in the BPW Service Center Conference Room, 500 North Commerce Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Moran, seconded by Leech, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Bob Moran, Secretary

Dave Eskra, Chairman