

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

A meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2016 at 12:10 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

### ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Boardmembers: None.

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 April 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. Approval of BPW Energy Efficiency applications.
- h. Approval of write-off of bad debts.
- i. Recommend Approval of Change Order #1 increase in the amount of \$13,862.10 and final payment of \$66,244.10 to Merit Construction Services for the 2016 Bridge Repairs to the City Council.
- j. Recommend Approval of Final Payment in the amount of \$28,085.00 to Building Crafts, Inc. for the Beatrice Water Pollution Control Raw Pumps #4 and #5 project to the City Council.
- k. Recommend Approval of Final Payment in the amount of \$18,750.00 to TH Construction for the Sara Road (16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 19<sup>th</sup> Street) Water Main Improvements – 2016 to the City Council.

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

Roll Call: Yea: Baehr, Eskra, 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

### Monthly Department Report

The monthly department report was presented. Chairman Eskra opened up for discussion possible changes to the Citywide Cleanup, noting he has had numerous requests for an amnesty day from citizens should the City decide to stop picking up items from the curb. Boardmember Baehr noted a citizen contacted him regarding the possible changes to the program and suggested if the City goes to an amnesty day to issue a coupon or requiring the customer to show proof of residency in order to be allowed to take their load into the Landfill with no fee. Mayor Wirth noted he has been approached by some senior citizens who are concerned about not being able to haul their items to the Landfill. Mayor Wirth noted that while he likes the idea of an amnesty day, there may need to be other options for senior citizens or handicapped citizens who may be unable to haul their items. Boardmember Moon inquired who unloads the loads brought into the Landfill, as part of the reason the City is looking into changes is because of health concerns. Jason Moore, Street and Landfill Superintendent, noted that the customer unloads all loads brought into the Landfill. Moore noted that he does like the idea of an amnesty day, noting it would be cheaper to have the Landfill open for two (2) Saturdays in April and pay the overtime hours, which would be less manhours and loader hours that are reaching the \$20,000.00 mark for Citywide Cleanup as it is today. Moore further noted the City may need to look at other options for elderly and handicapped citizens.

Some other highlights for the month included: Linda Koch, Finance Director, reviewed the financials for March 2016; the Engineering Department noted that plans for the 6<sup>th</sup> and Industrial Row project have been resubmitted to the State for approval and the project will move forward as soon as approval is granted; the Electric Department has finished the voltage conversion for the downtown alleys; the Water Department received notification that the 2015 water main projects were approved by the Department of Health and Human Services; the WPC Department noted NDEQ will be onsite for a tour on May 26, 2016; and the Street Department will be patching three (3) areas along 6<sup>th</sup> Street in the upcoming weeks near the Beatrice Community Hospital, O'Reilly's, and Runza.

Moved by Moon, seconded by Baehr, to receive the monthly department report and place on file.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular BPW Board Meeting will be held June 1, 2016 at 12:10 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Leech, seconded by Moran, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

**Bob Moran, Secretary**

**Dave Eskra, Chairman**