CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Board Room at Hastings Utilities Department, 1228 N. Denver Avenue, on September 5, 2018.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Regular Session by Chairman Jack Schreiner with the following members present: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt.
Absent: None.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Chairman led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR September 5, 2018 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Shayne Raitt seconded by Shawn Hartmann to adopt the current agenda for September 5, 2018 regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Saturday, September 1, 2018. Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute Section 84-1412, the public is advised that a copy of today's agenda and all reproducible written material which will be discussed at today's meeting is available. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Council Chambers which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Manager Kevin Johnson thanked staff with their efforts in preparing and finalizing the budget for the Hastings Utilities Department.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Schreiner informed the Board that a Board Secretary needed to be elected. He said that Willis Hunt filled that position and Joanne Seberg filled the position as a temporary Secretary until a full Board was present to vote on a permanent replacement.

1. <u>Election of Board Secretary</u>

    Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Bill Hitesman to elect Joanne Seberg as Utility Board Secretary. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None.
    Absent: None. The motion carried.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

2. <u>All Consent Items.</u>

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Bill Hitesman to approve All Consent Items. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of August 9, 2018

(b) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of August 20, 2018

(c) Approval of Release of Easement at 520 W "F" St.

REGULAR AGENDA:

3. <u>Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.</u>

None

4. <u>General Business.</u>

Chairman Schreiner asked the Board to allow the HEDC and Chamber representatives to give their presentations so they would not have to wait through the entire Agenda. The Board concurred.

(a) Finance

i. Discussion of the 2018-2019 Hastings Utilities Department Budget

Discussion took place on the 2018-2019 Hastings Utilities Department budget. Chairman Schreiner thanked staff for their prompt answers to questions he submitted. Derek Zeisler gave a brief presentation on water ratemaking, which answered questions that Board members have had regarding ratemaking to promote conservation.

ii. Approval of Board Resolution No. 2018-11 Approving the Hastings Utilities Department Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Joanne Seberg to approve Budget Resolution No. 2018-39 which recommends the approval by the City Council of the Hastings Utility Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2018-19 beginning on October 1, 2018, as part of the City's Fiscal Year 2018-19 City budget. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

iii. Recommendation to the City Council for Approval of Water Rate Ordinance No. 4561

Moved by Bill Hitesman seconded by Shawn Hartmann to recommend approval by the City Council of Water Rate Ordinance No. 4561. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

The recommendation was to increase water rates 5% effective October 1, 2018.

iv. Recommendation to the City Council for Approval of Sanitary Sewer Rate Ordinance No. 4562

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Joanne Seberg to recommend approval by the City Council of Sewer Rate Ordinance No. 4562. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

The recommendation was to increase sewer rates 10% effective October 1, 2018.

v. Hastings Economic Development Corporation and Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce "Use of Funds" and Agreement Execution

Maggie Vaughan, Interim Director for the Hastings Economic Development Corporation, gave a presentation on their Talent Initiatives and also the North Park Commons Development. A handout was presented to the Board. She said that the HEDC is asking for the same amount as years past, $125,000 which will help pay salaries at the HEDC. The Board is being asked to recommend approval to the City Council of a Retroactive Agreement for $125,000 for the FY 2017-2018. A resolution was previously approved by the Board and Council to fund this amount for the FY 2017-2018, but has not yet been funded. The Board is also asked to recommend approval to the City Council of an Agreement for $125,000 for the FY 2018-2019. A resolution was previously approved by the Board and Council to fund this amount for the new fiscal year.

Mikki Shafter, President of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce gave a Hastings Retail Development Update. Her update included the Year in Review, the Year Ahead, and her conclusions. The amount the Board will be voting on for the Chamber for the 2018-2019. The Board is being asked to recommend approval to the City Council of a Retroactive Agreement for $30,000 for the FY 2017-2018. A resolution was previously approved by the Board and Council to fund this amount for the FY 2017-2018 and has been funded, although an Agreement was not executed. The Board is also asked to recommend approval to the City Council of an Agreement for $30,000 for the FY 2018-2019. A resolution was previously approved by the Board and Council to fund this amount for the new fiscal year.

Moved by Joanne Seberg seconded by Bill Hitesman to recommend approval to the City Council of Hastings Economic Development Corporation and Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce Agreements for FY 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Production

Discussion was held on energy options for Hastings. Kevin Johnson said that staff is moving forward to understanding new energy options; ie. wind, solar, etc. At this time, staff is doing the analytics and speaking with Blue Stem and Gen Pro on options. He said that he hopes to visit with the Board soon on options that may be viable for Hastings to add renewables into the Hastings energy mix.

(c) Operations

None.

(d) Administration

None.

(e) Other

No

5. Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).

None.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Shayne Raitt seconded by Shawn Hartmann that there being no further business, the meeting adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Board Secretary