# HASTINGS UTILITY BOARD
# AGENDA

## Council Chambers – City Hall
## 220 North Hastings Avenue
## January 10, 2019
## 9:00 AM

**ROLL CALL:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR January 10, 2019 REGULAR MEETING.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. 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 located at the back of the Council Chambers. 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:**

**BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

    (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of December 13, 2018

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

3. <u>General Business.</u>

    (a) Finance

(b) Production

i. Update on Solar RFP Analysis

(c) Operations

(d) Administration

i. Update on 2019 Strategic Initiatives

ii. HEDC - Hastings North Industrial Park Infrastructure Request

iii. HEDC - Economic Development Funds Request for "New Industrial Prospect"

(e) Other

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

**ADJOURN:**

The Hastings Utility Board reserves the right to enter into an executive session at any time during the meeting, in accordance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, even though the closed session may not be indicated on the agenda. It is the intention of the Hastings Utility Board to take up the items on the agenda in sequential order. However, the Hastings Utilities Board reserves the right to take up matters in a different order to accommodate the schedule of the Utility Board Members, persons having items on the agenda, and the public.

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 13, 2018

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 220 N. Hastings Avenue, on December 13, 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: Bill Hitesman, Joanne Seberg, Jack Schreiner, Shawn Hartmann, Shayne Raitt.

**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 December 13, 2018 REGULAR MEETING.**

Moved by Joanne Seberg seconded by Bill Hitesman to adopt the current agenda for December 13, 2018 regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

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Chairman Jack Schreiner read the Public Notice - 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 located at the back of the Council Chambers. 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 announced that this is a light agenda because of the customer meeting at the Utilities later this morning. Johnson thanked Tony Hermann of the Hastings Tribune for the well-written article in the Hastings Tribune on renewables.

**BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

Chairman Jack Schreiner said that he will miss the January meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Don Cox appeared as a concerned citizen. He said that although he is in favor of renewables, he and other customers he has visited with are concerned with Hastings Utilities looking to build additional capacity with renewables when there is an abundance of capacity with WEC Units 1 and 2 and a large debt to service on Unit 2.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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

   (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of November 8, 2018

Moved by Shayne Raitt seconded by Shawn Hartmann 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.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

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

None.

3. <u>General Business.</u>

   (a) Finance

      i. Approval of Electric System Insurance Resolution No. 2018-12

City Treasurer/Director of Finance Renae Jimenez informed the Board that the Utilities has a bond issuance on both the electric fund and the combined utility fund and part of that bond issuance requires us to certify to our bond trustee that we have adequate insurance coverage on the projects that were funded by these bonds and that is what these two resolutions are for that are on the agenda.

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Resolution No. 2018-12 for the Electric System Revenue Bonds. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

      ii. Approval of Combined Utilities System Insurance Resolution No. 2018-13

Moved by Joanne Seberg seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve Resolution No. 2018-13 for the Combined Utility Revenue Bonds. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

(b) Production

i. Solar RFP Update

Derek Zeisler gave an update on the Solar Farm RFP. He said that staff received bids for a solar farm RFP. Six different companies submitted bids, although twenty companies showed interest. Bids are currently being reviewed. Zeisler said that there are many different options and ways to approach this project. He will keep the Board informed when the review process is complete and staff and the Board can decide if they want to go forward with a contract.

Shawn Hartman challenged ratepayers to get involved and complete the survey or let Hastings Utilities know if they have interest in renewables.

(c) Operations

None.

(d) Administration

i. Strategic Initiatives & KPI's Update

Kevin Johnson gave a presentation on "Yesterday and Today - Successful Efforts and Continuing Challenges" and also "2018/2019 Focus - Hi Profile Strategic Initiatives and Hi Profile Key Performance Metrics".

Allen Meyer, Lee Vrooman, Derek Zeisler, Keith Leonhardt, Brian Strom, and Shane Stone followed with their presentations on Key Performance Indicators in their respective departments.

ii. Demand Reduction Rates Rider

Kevin Johnson distributed copies of final Ordinance No. 4576 which included new language approved by the City Council for Temporary Partial Reduction of Demand Charge Rider included in the LGS. Large General Service rate, the LL&P. Large Light and Power rate, and the LL&P-T. Large Light and Power - Transmission rate. The ordinance goes into effect December 25, 2018.

(e) Other

None.

4. <u>Possible Closed Session (if necessary or requested).</u>

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Bill Hitesman that this Board go into Closed Session, which Closed Session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual, which individual has not requested a public meeting, in order to discuss certain matters relating to personnel. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 10:25 a.m.

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Bill Hitesman, that the meeting be reopened to the public at 10:45 a.m., and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Jack Schreiner, Joanne Seberg, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Shayne Raitt that there being no further business, the meeting adjourn at 10:48 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Board Secretary