

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 11, 2021

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 March 11, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. in Regular Session by Chairman Hitesman with the following members present: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt.

Absent: None.

Other present: Manager of Utilities, Kevin Johnson; City Administrator, Dave Ptak; City Attorney, Clint Schukei; Finance Director, Roger Nash; Accounting Manager, Robin Ginn; Information Technology, Erik Nielsen, Superintendent of Substations and Communication, Noel Nienhueser; Director of Capital Management, Keith Leonhardt; Director of Administration, Derek Zeisler; Director of Electric Production, Rich Kleinhample; Director of Engineering, Lee Vrooman; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman, Butch Eley, Shawn Hartmann.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Bill Hitesman led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States of America.

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR MARCH 11, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Shayne Raitt to adopt current agenda for the February 11, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, March 9, 2021. 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 of Utilities Kevin Johnson commented on still being in the process of reconciling the severe weather incident, both natural gas and electric perspective. He hopes to have more details at the next board meeting. Stay tuned.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of February 11, 2021.

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Mark Hemje to approve the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of February 11, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

- (b) Approval of the minutes of the Special Hastings Utility Board Meeting of March 4, 2021.

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Mark Hemje to approve the minutes of the Special Hastings Utility Board Meeting of March 4, 2021. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

- (a) Finance

i. Presentation of 2019-2020 Audit

Marcy from AMGL spoke on the 2019-2020 audit report for Hastings Utilities. Marcy went over the report that was given to the Board, which they had received and time to review. Kevin Johnson asked about the current fiscal year about rolling the street lights into the electric department and if that is an issue. Marcy stated that there is no concern with that. Jeanette Dewalt asked about any of the corrected items on the report caused her concern. Marcy stated no, eight adjustments is not a large amount

and is fairly routine as they run into as auditors. Dewalt also asked about the fly ash liability being on the letter for some time. Asked if it needs to be changed at some point and not be a continued issue. Marcy stated that is hasn't been a priority, but left in the letter to eventually get addressed. Right now it's just a reminder.

ii. FY 2021 Q1 Financial Update

Kevin Johnson gave a presentation on the FY Qtr 1 Financials. He reviewed with the Board the Balance Sheet Highlights, Summary Highlights for each department, Headcount at Utilities, Production Highlights and a sheet showing Unit Sales and Cost Analysis.

(b) Production

(c) Operations

(d) Administration

i. Response to SPP Market

Derek Zeisler and Noel Nienhueser gave a presentation on the Response to the SPP Market during the extreme weather event. They reviewed the Timeline, SPP Reliability Events, Load Shedding, Key Points and Gas Supply.

Jeanette Dewalt asked if anything has gone out to customers regarding what their rates will be. Derek stated that some information has started going out explaining the costs and when they will see it on their bill. Jeanette asked if anything has gone out in the newspaper or press. Derek stated he will get with Amanda on that.

ii. Generation Efforts

Keith Leonhardt and Rich Kleinhample gave a presentation on the Generation Efforts during the cold snap. They reviewed with the Board the Operational Challenges, WEC 1 & Outputs, Fuel Handling Team Challenges, Operational Team Challenges and Maintenance and EI&C Team Challenges.

(e) Other

i. COVID-19 Vaccinations Update

Kevin Johnson gave a presentation on the Hastings Utilities COVID-19 Data. He reviewed with the Board the on the Inoculation Data with just Utilities.

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

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Shayne Raitt to go into closed session for reason of negotiations at 10:01 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Mark Hemje to come out of closed session at 10:30 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Mark Hemje and seconded by Shayne Raitt there being no further business to adjourn at 10:31 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary