HASTINGS UTILITY BOARD
AGENDA

Council Chambers – City Hall
220 North Hastings Avenue
May 13, 2021
9:00 AM

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR date REGULAR MEETING.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, MONTH DAY, 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:

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 April 8, 2021.

REGULAR AGENDA:

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

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

    (a) Finance

        i. 2nd Quarter Financial Report

    (b) Production

i. IRP Status Update

(c) Operations

i. Agency Gas- Swing Service Fee

(d) Administration

(e) Other

i. City Hall transition plans to NDS

ii. Welcome new Board member Susan Meeske

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, April 8, 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 April 8, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Shayne Raitt.

Others present: Manager of Utilities, Kevin Johnson; City Administrator, Dave Ptak; Accounting Manager, Robin Ginn; Information Technology, Erik Nielsen; Superintendent of Subs 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 Safety, Bob Davis; Director of Human Resources, Lori Hartman; Mayor Stutte; Shawn Hartmann; Butch Eley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR APRIL 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Mark Hemje to adopt current agenda for the April 8, 2021 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje. Nays: None. Absent: Shayne Raitt. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, April 6, 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.

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1. All Consent Items.

(a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of March 11, 2021

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

(a) Finance

i. February Extreme Weather Financial Projections

Derek Zeisler gave a short presentation on the February Extreme Weather Financial Projections. He reviewed the projections with Natural Gas and Electric.

Jeanette Dewalt asked what the EAC would look like on an annual rolling basis and cost for an average based home.: energy cost down to zero. typically what would that be for the eac on an annual rolling basis and cost for an average based home. Derek stated on the typical household it is about $2-$3 dollars.

ii. 2021-22 Scheduled Budget Projection

Robin Ginn didn't have much on the budget projection. She mentioned that the budget season has started and the actual budget should be done sometime in August.

(b) Production

(c) Operations

i. 2021-22 Strategic Initiatives

Bob Davis (safety), Rich Kleinhample (production), Derek Zeisler (administration), Keith Leonhardt (CapEx) and Noel Nienhueser (operations) each gave a short presentation for their respective departments of 2021-22 strategic initiatives that are currently in progress or are planned.

ii. IRP Status

Keith Leonhardt spoke on the current IRP Status. He spoke on the committee is still in progress. They have decided they need some assistance to evaluate capital costs and some additional power supply resource options. Severe weather in February revised some of their thinking on fuel supply. They can't count on natural gas as a reasonable price during extreme cold weather and developed an evaluating table for different generation scenarios. They are also looking into the benefits of network transmission.

iii. NDS Construction Update

Lee Vrooman showed pictures of the construction going on at NDS with the Customer Service Area Expansion, Reservoir Removal and Fisher Fountain.

(d) Administration

i. New Employee Introduction

Derek Zeisler was to introduce the new Customer Service Supervisor Karl Block, but couldn't attend. Derek gave a little background on Karl. He lives in town and comes from the banking industry. Comes to us with a lot of personnel and customer experience.

(e) Other

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

Moved by Mark Hemje seconded by Jeanette Dewalt to go into closed session for reason of negotiations at 9:44 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje. Nays: None. Absent: Shayne Raitt. The motion carried.

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Mark Hemje to come out of closed session at 10:13 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje. Nays: None. Absent: Shayne Raitt. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Mark Hemje seconded by Jeanette Dewalt there being no further business to adjourn at 10:14 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje. Nays: None. Absent: Shayne Raitt. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

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Board Secretary

Department: Utilities
Staff Contact: Kevin Johnson
Utility Board Meeting Date: 5/13/2021

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

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Names of People/Business affected by this action:

Why Council action is required:

Type of action requested:

Suggested motion:

Deadlines associated with action:

Department head comments:

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Staff Contact: Keith Leonhardt
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