

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, February 10, 2022

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted in the Council Chambers - City Hall Building, 220 North Hastings Avenue, on February 10, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt, Susan Meeske, Kevin Johnson, Erik Neilson, Jake Frerichs, Brandan Lubken, Keith Leonhardt, Derek Zeisler, Shawn Hartmann, Noel Nienhueser, Robin Ginn, Lee Vrooman, Dave Ptak, Clint Schukei, Lori Hartman, Roger Nash, and Karen Rennick

Absent: Corey Stutte and Butch Ehly

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR February 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Raitt and seconded by Dewalt to adopt the current agenda for the February 10, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Meeske, Hemje, Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, February 08, 2022. 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:

None

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

None

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of December 9, 2021

Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

- (a) Finance

- i. ERP delayed until March 1

Roger explained training is good and on track.
Robin to have first quarter reports at the next meeting.

- (b) Production

- i. IRP Update - CCR Rule

Staff are continuing to do evaluations for potential changes in operation such as reliability status.

Coal combustion residue rule, a rule that wouldn't allow us to slush ash to an unlined pond after October 2023. What was submitted is complete, but not yet approved. They had incomplete applications, they are to focus on those nine. Our application, which was complete, will be "told" (legal term, which means to hold off for delay). Marty did discuss the process and we will have to wait until they have approved.

schedule will have to shift

wait and will be able to operate after October 2023? Expecting a year at this point.

The goal is to continue to evaluate other units.

Jeannette- Is this only regarding Whelan 1? No, this will affect both.

ii. CCC Wind Turbine Contract Negotiations

Three-way agreement with CCC, Blue stem out of Omaha and Hastings. There are things that we would like to revisit in the contract.

Bill thinks that the original part of the contract was to be reviewed after 5 years.

The wind turbine is still in play.

(c) Operations

i. Water Code and Boring Crew

Brandan presents a PowerPoint slide show.

The Lead Copper Rule goes into effect in October 2024.

New Main and Lead Service Replacement Plan

32-602 Recommendation

Jeanette? approx 200 annually over the next 20 years., 4000 total. Yes. Rough figure.

Bill, will we be receiving grants? We are looking into it.

The intention of the program is to take the burden off of the customer.

30-109 Recommendation

Water Service Installation Crew

Jeanette would like to see a financial breakdown, including employee costs and benefits.

Bill likes that, but also remember what would the delay be if we did not get any bids?

Would it delay the process?

Would like the cost difference before a recommendation is made. Do we need an official motion for this or do we leave it up to management?

Jeanette recommends to table this, motion Bill, Meeske 2nd.

ii. Transformer Replacement (2301)

Noel explains why this needs to be recommended to go to council.

Was built in 1971 and out into service the same year.

Transformer has failed, everything has been out into another transformer. It can handle this during the winter, but it will not be able to handle it once summer hits and people begin to use their a/c.

New transformer built in 2012, never been put into service. Located in South Carolina.

\$252,000, 3 year warranty

Quote to repair, \$370,000, replace is \$600,000 with 42 week lead time.

Repair is 42 weeks from the time they receive the transformer.

Some modification will need to be done when unloading new transformer.

Recommendation is to buy new transformer and send old one to be repaired so we have a spare.

There will be other in house expenses.

Jeanette recommends both units, Hemje seconds.

iii. Supply Chain Issues

Just received a truck that was on the 2020 budget. Things have been approved for 3505 Yost, but we are waiting for things to arrive. Supply chain issues with all materials, waiting on fencing, garage doors, HVAC unit. All materials are being delayed.

Are a lot of the items prepayed? Most items do need a down payment.

iv. UNL partnership with PCF

Brandon to explain.

UNL-University Nebraska Lincoln

PCF-Pollution Control Facility

Test covid, test spikes 2 to 3 weeks before peaks.

We are #22 in the program.

Started sampling last week from the waste water.

Samples get sent off twice a week. Reports will be sent once a week to us and then forwarded on to our Health officials.

Peaks can be caught before people are getting sick.

(d) Administration

i. GPS in Vehicles

Jake to speak about the GPS in vehicles.

40% complete. Starting with admin vehicles. Used for insurance and operations.

Was already available in police and fire departments.

How many vehicles? 160 to 170

(e) Other

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

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Shayne Raitt to go into closed session. Went into closed session at 10:34 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt, Susan Meeske, Jeanette Dewalt. Nays: None. Absent: None

Moved by Jeanette Dewalt seconded by Susan Meeske to come out of closed session at 11:35 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt, Jeanette Dewalt, Susan Meeske. Nays: None. Absent: None

Motioned carried.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Shayne Raitt seconded by Jeanette Dewalt there being no further business to adjourn at 11:36 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. Meeting Adjourned.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary