

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, April 14, 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 April 14, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

The meetings was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Regular Session by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Shayne Raitt, Kevin Johnson, Erik Nielsen, Derek Zeisler, Jaci Higgins, Lori Hartman, Noel Neinhueser, Keith Leonhardt, Robin Ginn, CLint Schukei, Shawn Hartmann, Roger Nash, and Corey Stutte
Absent: Jeanette Dewalt, Butch Eley

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 April 14, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Hemje and seconded by Raitt to adopt the current agenda for the April 14, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Meeske, Hemje, Raitt, Hitesman Nays: None. Absent: Jeanette Dewalt. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, April 14, 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 March 10, 2022.

Moved by Meeske seconded by Hemje. Ayes: Hitesman, Meeske, heme, Raitt. Nays: None, Absent: Dewalt

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

- (a) Finance

- i. 1st Quarter Review

Jaci gives a presentation on the first quarter financial review. Hemje asks that on the electric side whole sales were up. What caused that? Generation.

Robin Ginn gave an update on ERP. 2nd quarter will still come out of Cayenta and 3rd quarter is targeted to go through Munis.

- (b) Production

- (c) Operations

- i. AMI Update

Noel gave a presentation on the AMI update.

Bill: How often do they need to be tested for accuracy? Found the first bad meter last week. Routine testing does not need to be done.

Susan: Will we gain some efficiency? Yes. The system will put out an exception report.

Kevin: We have a supervisor and two meter readers.

Bill: What is the time frame for replacing all of them? It was 3 years, hoping to have 100% replaced by next year.

ii. Water Department City Code Change

We are taking this to the workshop on Monday.

(d) Administration

i. Energy Supply Staff Addition

Derek gave a presentation on the energy staff addition. Erik has replaced the role in IT, but wants to open another position in the utility department.

Speaking with Grand Island on how to work things out.

Bill: Looks like there is an overlap between the city and utilities. Is this a shared position or is this strictly utilities? This is a utility position.

Recommendation to move on to the City Council. Meeskes moved, Raitt second.

Ayes: Hitesman, Hemje, Meeske, Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: Dewalt.

ii. Open HU Positions

Lori Hartman discusses the open positions in the Utility Department.

Customer Service Rep, interviews scheduled next week

Water Department, Master plumber,

All open positions are posted on multiple sites. Indeed, Tribune, Social Media.

(e) Other

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

Moved by Hemje seconded by Meeske to go into closed session. Went into closed session at 10:00 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt, Susan Meeske. Nays: None. Absent: Jeanette Dewalt

Moved by Raitt seconded by Meeske to come out of closed session at 10:05 am. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Shayne Raitt, Susan Meeske. Nays: None. Absent:

Jeanette Dewalt

Motioned carried.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Raitt seconded by Meeske there being no further business to adjourn at 10:06 am.

Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None.

Absent: Jeanette Dewlat. Meeting Adjourned.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary