

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 8, 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 December 8, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dewalt, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, and Shayne Raitt. Kevin Johnson, Butch Eley, Corey Stutte, Jesse Oswald, Keith Leonhardt, Brian Strom, Derek Zeisler, Lori Hartman, Robin Ginn, Lee Vrooman, Roger Nash, Shawn Hartmann, LeAnne Doose.

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 December 08, 2022 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Dewalt and seconded by Meeske to adopt the current agenda for the December 8, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

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

Thought about cancelling this meeting because the schools were cancelled, but thankful the ice storm was holding off.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Last meeting for the year. Have a great Holiday Season.

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 November 10, 2022.

Moved by Hemje and seconded by Raitt to approve the minutes for the November 10, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of October 13, 2022.

Moved by Dewalt and seconded by Meeske to approve the minutes for the October 13, 2022 Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Meeske, Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None.

3. General Business.

- (a) Finance

- (b) Production

- (c) Operations

- (d) Administration

- i. Approval of the Hastings Utilities and the Youth Rehabilitation Center (YRTC) Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) for Western Area Power Administration's (WAPA).

Brian Strom to explain the 5 year requirement for the contract. Today we are requesting the utility board recommend to go to the city council meeting.

Jeanette: Are there any large changes in the last 5 years? Top 3 perhaps?

Brian: There have been a lot of changes, especially at the YRTC. They have demolished a lot of buildings and are trying to get off the gas supply. A lot of buildings have been converted to electric only. They are currently on the Hastings Utilities water system, where previously they were working off their own water well.

Derek: This is to outline the utilities generational changes to meet the customer demand. It is important to note that we take a snapshot every five years.

Moved by Meeske and seconded by Hemje to approve to go to city council. Roll Call:

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

- ii. HEDC/Chamber Update

Two gentlemen to give a heads up of the changes to the Chamber and HEDC, Matt and Travis.

An announcement that was publicly made yesterday and in today's paper.

Shared president and shared executive committee.

Everything else will still be managed separately.

Jeanette: Thank you for the update, we appreciate that.

Bill: Mention how many communities are involved. Several across the state. North Platte, Lincoln, Seward. Rumbling of neighbors of the north.

Susan: Will the visitors bureau be in this as well? Haven't had that conversation with them yet.

Mark: What is the time line? Will start the process after the first of the year.

- (e) Other

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

ADJOURN:

Moved by Dewalt, seconded by Raitt there being no further business to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes; Bill Hitesman, Jeanette Dwalt, Mark Hemje, Susan Meeske, Shayne Raitt. Nays: None. Absent: None. Motion Carried.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary