CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, December 14, 2023

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Regular Meeting of the Utility Board of Hastings, Nebraska was conducted Airport Conference Room - Hastings Municipal Airport - 3300 W. 12th Street, on December 14, 2023.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Bill Hitesman with the following members present: Bill HItesman, Jeanette Dewlat, Mark Hemje, Scott Snell,
Kevin Johnson, Shawn Metcalf, Butch Eley, Erik Nielsen, Karl Block, Tony Herrman, Brandan Lubken, Derek Zeisler, Noel Nienhueser, Larry Fox, Lori Hartman, Shawn Hartmann, Lee CVrooman, Micah McCaffery, Jesse Oswald, Keith Leonhardt.
Absent: Susan Meeske, Corey Stutte

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 14, 2023 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Hemje and seconded by Dewalt to adopt the current agenda for December 14, 2023. Regular Meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Snell. Nays: None. Absent: Meeske. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. 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 Conference Room. Also, a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on the south wall of the Airport Conference Room, which is accessible to members of the public.

MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS:

We appreciate you all continuing to support Utilities and their projects.
Happy Holidays.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

This is the last meeting of the year. Happy Holidays.

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 9, 2023.

Moved by Dewalt and seconded by Snell to approve the minutes for the meeting of November 9, 2023. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Snell. Nays: None. Absent: Meeske. Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

3. General Business.

(a) Finance

(b) Production

(c) Operations

i. New Development - Gas - Contribution Analysis

Contribution Analysis: Gas Infrastructure in New Developments

- What makes sense for us to do as a Utility Provider? What's best for the 10,000?
- Consistent and persistent internal evaluation of staff, equipment, methodology, and policy.
- Cost recovery challenges in Natural Gas budget of heightened priority.
- Cost recovery of new gas infrastructure.

What's Next?:

- Work with Engineering and Energy Supply to formulate our own economic evaluation.

- Choose cost capture model: communicate with the Advisory Board for vetting and recommendation.
- Meet with developers to communicate change.
- Implementation 24/25 fiscal cycle.

Regarding the charts and the different communities with us, were those comparable with us or ones who provide gas? There are not a lot of gas providers around the NE area. Just sleeked the ones that fit our mold. Those are the big providers regionally. Believes that developers need to pay a portion. Thank you for putting this together. Have you met with developers to date? Not yet. The goal is to have numbers prepared on our side first.
Where we are at, do you anticipate changes? We will always look back and see if this is appropriate.

(d) Administration

(e) Other

i. Advisory Board Feedback

What can we change or exclude from these meetings?

*Appreciates the knowledge of the management and getting the right person for the right job. It's not just the next person in line, it's who fits the title.
*Regarding communication, presentations are not always available before the meeting. The larger ones would like to be ahead of time to digest and prepare questions.
*Topic wise, would appreciate a PPG update.
*Budget process, appreciate the opportunity to sit down with department heads and discuss things and ask questions.
*Maybe on site visits to the places that we discuss on the agenda a lot. It doesn't have to be monthly, but maybe quarterly.
*Always leaves the meetings thankful to the people we have working for the utilities and city.
*Enjoy that we can walk away from meetings knowing that everything is in good hands.
*Appreciates Kevin's leadership and how he handles his crew. Everyone has great leadership for their group.
*The new system will help with the budget. Excited to see the new format.
*We value all the board members.... Trust you and the staff that we have done a good job. We are lucky we have the staff that we have that work for the city and the utilities.
* The staff are intelligent, resourceful, and knowledgeable. A lot has changed in the last seven years. Everyone is helpful at making things, so they are understandable. Appreciates that positions are reviewed to see if we still need them when someone retires or if they can be delegated between people.
Creating some questions that we think will be asked, so we can have the answer written down. Save time and help out when it comes time to vote.

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

Motion to go into closed session at 9:43 am. Motioned by Dewalt, seconded by Snell. Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Snell. Nays: None. Absent: Meeske. Approved. Going into closed session to discuss Real Estate.
Motioned by Dewalt and seconded by Hemje to come out of the closed session at 9:49 am. Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Snell. Nays: None. Absent: Meeske. Approved.

ADJOURN:

Motioned to adjourn by Hemje, seconded by Dewalt. Roll Call: Ayes: Hitesman, Dewalt, Hemje, Snell. Nays: None. Absent: Meeske. Adjourned at 9:50 am.

APPROVED:

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Board Secretary