

CITY OF HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
MINUTES OF UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, November 9, 2017

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 November 9, 2017.

ROLL CALL:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00. in Regular Session by Chairman Schreiner with the following members present: Willis Hunt, Shawn Hartmann, Jack Schreiner, Bill Hitesman. Absent: Joanne Seberg.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Chairman led the group in recital of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

MOTION TO ADOPT CURRENT AGENDA FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2017 REGULAR MEETING.

Moved by Willis Hunt seconded by Bill Hitesman to adopt the current agenda for November 9, 2017 regular meeting. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

PUBLIC NOTICE - Official Notice of the Regular Meeting was published in the Hastings Tribune on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. 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.

Chairman Schreiner read the Public Notice - Pursuant to the 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:

Kevin Johnson thanked the Board for allowing him to attend and is looking forward to working with the Board. He expressed his appreciation for the staff on board at the utility that would help him during his transition as the new Manager of Utilities.

BOARD CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairman Schreiner expressed his desire to move future utility board meetings to be held at the end of the month as he is experiencing conflicts. In addition, he feels this may allow for current financials from accounting to be available on a more timely basis. He asked the other board members to consider changing the date of the meetings and to contact him with input.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Hunt responded to Chairman Schreiner's request and advised the board to work with the Manager of Utilities, staff and City Council on this decision. In addition, he suggested meeting more than once a month. Mr. Hitesman responded by stating he has no objection to moving the date, however he feels that meeting once a month is adequate. He also suggested the change could take place at the first of the year.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. All Consent Items.

- (a) Approval of the minutes of the Hastings Utility Board Meeting of October 12, 2017

Moved by Bill Hitesman seconded by Shawn Hartmann to approve All Consent Items, as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA:

2. Unfinished Business of Preceding Meeting.

N

3. General Business.

- (a) Release of Easement for Heartland Concrete

Moved by Willis Hunt seconded by Shawn Hartmann to recommend to the Hastings City Council the Release of Easement for Heartland Concrete. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

- (b) Update on Whelan Energy Center, Unit 2 (WEC-2) Outage

Allen Meyer gave a presentation on the Whelan Energy Center, Unit 2 Outage. Al thanked staff for their hard work

(c) Director Appointment for Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA)

Moved by Willis Hunt seconded by Shawn Hartmann to recommend to the Hastings City Council the approval of Director Appointment for Public Power Generation Agency (PPGA). Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

(d) Presentation of the June 2017 Monthly Report

Allen Meyer presented the June 2017 monthly report. Kevin Johnson informed the board that he discussed with Mark Barfknecht, Director of Finance, regarding reporting. The Board voiced concerns about getting reports on a more timely basis.

(e) Approval of Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Water Distribution System (WDS-2 2017-4)

Moved by Bill Hitesman seconded by Shawn Hartmann to recommend the Hastings City Council approve the Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Water Distribution System (WDS-2 2017-4) with Westbrook Village, LLC. Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

(f) Approval of Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Sewer Distribution System (SDS-2 2017-5)

Moved by Willis Hunt seconded by Bill Hitesman to recommend the Hastings City Council approve Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Sewer Distribution System (SDS-2 2017-5). Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

(g) Approval of Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Water Distribution System (WDS-2 2017-6)

Moved by Willis Hunt seconded by Shawn Hartmann to recommend the Hastings City Council approve Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Water Distribution System (WDS-2 2017-6). Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

(h) Approval of Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Sewer Distribution System (SDS-2 2017-7)

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Willis Hunt to recommend the Hastings City Council approve Real Estate Improvement Contract for Residential Sewer Distribution System (SDS-2 2017-7). Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

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

Moved by Shawn Hartmann seconded by Bill Hitesman that this Board go into Closed Session, which closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest in that closed session will consist of a strategy session relative to litigation.

Roll Call: Ayes: Shawn Hartmann, Bill Hitesman, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner.

Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

The meeting closed to the public at 9:57 a.m.

Moved by Bill Hitesman seconded by Shawn Hartmann that the meeting be reopened to the public at 11:40 a.m., and that no decisions were made nor official actions taken during said Closed Session. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Shawn Hartmann, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Moved by Bill Hitesman seconded by Shawn Hartmann there being no further business to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Bill Hitesman, Shawn Hartmann, Willis Hunt, Jack Schreiner. Nays: None. Absent: Joanne Seberg. The motion carried.

APPROVED:

Board Secretary