

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

A regular meeting of the Beatrice Board of Public Works was held on the 11th day of October, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

ROLL CALL

Attending: Boardmembers: Hartley, Leech, Zarybnicky

Absent: Baehr, Moran

Acting Chairman Leech announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted in the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve agenda as submitted.
- b. Receive and place on file all notices pertaining to this meeting.
- c. Receive and place on file all materials having any bearing on this meeting.
- d. Approval of minutes of regular meeting on September 27, 2023, as on file in the City Clerk's Office.
- e. Recommend approval of Street Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$100,076.90, to the Mayor and City Council.
- f. Approval of Electric Department, Water Department, and WPC Department Report of Claims in the amount of \$1,394,964.23.
- g. Recommend approval of Pay Request #11 in the amount of \$80,313.80 (Electric, Water & Street), to 3FI, Inc., for the June 2022 hailstorm, to the Mayor and City Council.
- h. Recommend approval of Change Order #2 decrease in the amount of \$43,568.33 and Final Pay Request #5 in the amount of \$257,901.20 to Judds Bros Construction Co., for the Water Transmission Line project, as part of the 2021 Water SRF projects, to the Mayor and City Council.
- i. Recommend approval of Final Pay Request to Lammel Plumbing, in the amount of \$1,947.50, for the Lift Station No. 6 Improvements – Grinder Manhole Project – 2023 project, to the Mayor and City Council.
- j. Recommend approval of Pay Request #6 to Myers Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$369,392.15, for the Water Main Replacements project, as part of the 2021 Water SRF projects, to the Mayor and City Council.

Moved by Zarybnicky, seconded by Hartley, that the items listed under the consent agenda, be approved, accepted, and/or ratified as presented.

Roll Call: Yea: Hartley, Leech, Zarybnicky

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/BIDS

There were no public hearings/bids.

RESOLUTIONS

There were no resolutions.

ORDINANCES

There were no resolutions.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one appeared at public forum.

DISCUSSIONS/REPORTS

Energy Efficiency Loan Program and *Go Green/Save Green* Energy Rebates & Incentives Program FY23 Review

Erin Saathoff, City Clerk, reviewed the Energy Efficiency Loan Program and **Go Green|Save Green** Energy rebates and incentives program for FY23. Saathoff stated there have been nine (9) loans issued since the program started in 2020. There are six (6) current outstanding loans in the amount of approximately \$18,920.67 and there have been three (3) loans paid off. Saathoff noted the minimum loan amount is \$400 and the maximum amount for a loan is \$7,000. Loans from \$400 to \$2,500 can be set out up to thirty-six (36) months and loans over \$2,500 will be allowed up to sixty (60) months. Currently to be eligible for a loan, the residence must be an owner-occupied single-family residence and must have a valuation of less than \$200,000, however, due to recent property tax increases, City Administration is inquiring if the Board would like to increase that amount to \$250,000. The Board was in favor of increasing the valuation. A revised loan program will be brought forward at a future meeting.

Saathoff also reviewed the **Go Green|Save Green** rebates and incentives for FY23. Thirty (30) applications for electrical rebates and incentives were received and a total of \$17,375 was refunded to our customers. There were no water rebates or incentives received in FY23. Two (2) sewer line connection incentives were issued to our customers in FY23 for a total of \$3,000. Saathoff noted there were no recommended changes from the Department Heads.

General Manager's Monthly Report

James Burroughs, City Engineer, reported to the Board the Stormwater Detention Pond located at Standing Bear Trail Depot is complete. Burroughs stated the City received assistance from the NRD and State Arboretum and after negotiations with a local contractor, the project is expected to come in below the originally budgeted cost. Boardmember Zarybnicky inquired where the runoff water will come from for the detention pond and Burroughs stated it will come from the parking lot east of the detention pond. Burroughs explained a detention pond is required anytime a site is more than one (1) acre of land and considered to be a new development to allow runoff water to have a place to absorb. This project will be used to educate others how detention ponds can be functional and enhance the area. Burroughs noted the Gage County Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer By-Pass Project - Phase III is approximately seventy-five percent (75%) complete and is anticipated to be completed in November. Burroughs stated the Engineering Department has begun the design phase for a number of upcoming FY24 projects, including the Ella Street, 2nd to 3rd Street, concrete reconstruction project.

Steve Kelley, Water Superintendent, stated the watermain replacement on 13th Street, Garfield to Monroe, is approximately ninety percent (90%) complete. Kelley noted this project was carried forward from FY23, as the boring contractor was unable to start boring for the project until after Labor Day. The watermain replacement project in the downtown continues to be on schedule and it is anticipated Court Street, from 4th to 7th Street, will be opened back up sometime next week.

Jason Moore, Street Superintendent, reported to the Board the Street Department has been closing the holes with asphalt, as the contractor completes their work on the downtown watermain project. The Department has also been making concrete repairs as needed and will be moving into crack sealing within the next few weeks.

Pat Feist, Electric Superintendent, stated the Department has been working on rebuilding the services in the alley, between 11th and 12th Street, from Lincoln to Arthur Street. The underground cable at Hoyles Trailer Court along North 6th Street was replaced. The three (3) underground feeder lines at Substation #3, located at 19th and Hoyt Street, were replaced after experiencing several minor fault readings.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular BPW Board Meeting will be November 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room, 400 Ella Street, Beatrice, Nebraska.

Moved by Hartley, seconded by Zarybnicky, that the meeting be adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Roll Call: Yea: Hartley, Leech, Zarybnicky

Nay: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Steve Hartley, Acting Secretary

Greg Leech, Acting Chairman