

October 8, 2014
Regular Session

The Bellevue Municipal Utilities met in regular session on October 8, 2014 at 12:00 noon in the Council Chambers with Chairman Ken Walsh presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Boardmembers Ken Walsh, Barry Nudd and Lucy Zeimet. Also present were Superintendent Bob Ploessl and City Administrator Loras Herrig

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Zeimet and seconded by Nudd to approve the agenda with the following additions:

1. Discussion on Rural Water Rates
2. Update on Legal Matters
3. Planning and Zoning Subdivision Review

Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Zeimet and seconded by Nudd to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approve Minutes of September 10, 2014 Regular Session
- B. Approve September Financial Reports
- C. Approve Bills and Claims as Authorized
- D. Approve New Vendors Report

WATER RATES

The Board reviewed current balances for the Water Fund and also discussed upcoming expenditures and projects. It was decided that a proposed water rate increase should be prepared for the next regularly scheduled meeting in November.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-14UB AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TRANSMISSION ASSETS TO CIPCO

It was moved by Nudd and seconded by Walsh to approve Resolution No. 06-14UB Authorizing the Sale of Transmission Assets to CIPCO. Roll call vote carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-14UB

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TRANSMISSION ASSETS TO CIPCO

WHEREAS, a Bill of Sale and Instrument of Assignment has been prepared after negotiation with Central Iowa Power Cooperative (CIPCO), a copy of which is on file with the official minutes of this Board meeting, and

WHEREAS, such Bill of Sale and Instrument of Assignment sets forth the proposed agreement between the Board and CIPCO for the sale of the transmission assets described therein by the Board to CIPCO, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the utility to sell said transmission assets to CIPCO under the terms and conditions set forth in the Bill of Sale and Instrument of Assignment, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds, in accordance with a Resolution previously adopted regarding the SIMECA lease-purchase transaction, that the sale of the transmission assets to CIPCO pursuant to the Bill of Sale and Instrument of Assignment is appropriate in that said transmission assets are no longer useful or profitable in the operation of the utility's electric system nor essential to the continued operation thereof and that the sale will not operate to reduce revenues to be derived from the operation of the utility's electric system, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds, in accordance with the Resolution that authorized the utility's outstanding electric revenue debt, that the sale of the transmission assets to CIPCO pursuant to the Bill of Sale and Instrument of Assignment is appropriate in that said transmission assets are no longer useful or profitable in the operation of the utility's electric system nor essential to the continued operation thereof and that the sale will not operate to reduce revenues to be derived from the operation of the utility's electric system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bill of Sale and Instrument of Assignment is hereby approved and adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Secretary and/or appropriate officers of the Board of Trustees are hereby directed to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the provisions of said Bill of sale and Instrument of Assignment and carry out the purposes and intent of this resolution.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Secretary

Chairman

AGREEMENT FOR USE OF POLES WITH CIPCO AND BELLEVUE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

After reviewing the Use of Poles Agreement it was moved by Zeimet and seconded by Nudd to approve the Agreement for Use of Poles. Motion carried unanimously.

DENNIS PETESCH EASEMENT

The Board reviewed a report from City Attorney Steve Kahler concerning a meeting that was held with Dennis Petesch and his legal representatives on September 15, 2014. During that meeting it was proposed that a onetime payment of \$16,100.00 be made to Mr. Petesch for a permanent easement. It was moved by Walsh and seconded by Zeimet to agree to the \$16,100.00 price and to ask the City Council to pay one half of the amount in consideration of the 911 telecommunication tower that is also accessed by this easement. Motion carried unanimously.

CORY MEDINGER HIRING

It was moved by Zeimet and seconded by Nudd to approve the hiring of Corey Medinger at a rate of \$15.92 per hour effective October 20, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

SEVENTH STREET UTILITY PROJECT

Ploessl and Herrig shared information on the proposed water improvement project located on Seventh Street between State Street and Park Street. The Utilities have been waiting for the Street Department to have adequate funds to do the street resurfacing. The Street Department recently received \$25,000 from the Jackson County Supervisors Road Use Fund and it is anticipated this project can be done in 2015. The Board asked that the project be coordinated with Street Superintendent Chuck Kueter and that if the street department is in agreement that engineering begin on the project for a possible bid letting in early 2015.

DISCUSSION ON RURAL WATER RATE

Herrig shared a conversation he had with County Sanitarian Frank Frieberg. Frieberg is working on supplying a water system for an area north of Bellevue that was recently considered for annexation. It appears that the annexation will not be moving forward so Frieberg is attempting to apply for state and federal grants to supply a water system. This area has poor water quality and it is the County Sanitarians responsibility to address the issue. Frieberg inquired to see if the City of Bellevue or Bellevue Municipal Utilities would be interested in supplying water either in bulk form or individual form to the system if it was constructed by the county

association. The Board discussed the possibilities and asked that it be placed on the City Council agenda for further discussion. Herrig is to report back to the Board at their next meeting.

UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTERS

Herrig shared information on two ongoing legal battles to bring the Board up to date.

PLANNING AND ZONING SUBDIVISION REVIEW

The Board reviewed the current status of the Steve Ruff Subdivision. Ruff is attempting to develop a four lot subdivision in the Dutell Court area. The subdivision is close to being approved by Planning and Zoning and will then go to the Council. Ruff wants to build entry level housing through a program with ECIA. The program allows a 25% down payment to be given to prospective home buyers and if they live in the home for over five years the down payment grant is totally forgiven.

NOVEMBER MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The following Bills and Claims were paid as authorized:

Treas. State of Iowa	Sales Tax 9/1-15/2014	3714.00
Treas. State of Iowa	3 rd Qtr. Consumer Use Tax	1857.00
Treas. State of Iowa	Sales Tax 9/16-30/2014	4556.00
IPAIT	Purchased Power	119069.30
Card Center	Computer Conversion Exp.	504.70
Tyler Technologies	Computer Conversion Exp.	3750.00
U.S. Cellular	Cell Phone Service	271.59
Assurant Emp. Benefit	Util. Life Ins.	8.80
Petty Cash	Util. Reimb.	128.84
Assurant Emp. Benefits	Util. Life Ins.	44.00
Medical Assoc. Health Ins.	Util. Health Ins.	7641.78
Black Hills Energy	Elec./W.W. Gas Utility	1146.06
Acco	Water Treatment Chemicals	3062.40
Al's Painting & Power Washing	Generator Expense	8980.00
Alice Davis	Lighting Rebate	15.00
Bellevue Lumber	Supplies	13.25
Bellevue Mun. Utilities	Trsf. Funds to Elec. Cap. Fund	15000.00
Bellevue Mun. Utilities	Utilities	5376.38
Benders Foods	Supplies	1.98
Card Center	Training Expense	348.57
Casey's	Fuel Purchase	191.77
Chad Rentz	Window Rebate	180.00

Chapman Metering LLC	Meter Testing Service	3019.81
City of Bellevue	Util. Office Trsf/Internet Chg.	28580.06
Cloos & Sons	Operating Supplies	87.50
Darin Michels	Lighting Rebate	74.00
Dennis Petesch	A/C Rebate	25.00
Dubuque Networking Service	Support Agreement	2500.00
Fastenal Co.	Elec. Materials	96.26
Fletcher-Reinhardt Co.	Underground Const. Expense	499.48
Gary Roeder	Clothes Washer Rebate	70.00
Ia. Assoc. of Mun. Util.	ECIASSO Dues	404.25
Iowa DNR	Annual Water Use Fee	99.00
Iowa Water Environment Assoc.	Registration Fee	25.00
IIW	Engineering Fees	504.50
Iowa One Call	Locate Service	30.70
Jeff Laban	Lighting Rebate	20.00
John Deere Financial	Clothing Allowance	424.94
Keystone Laboratories	Water Testing Service	250.00
Kieffer Plbg. & Htg.	W.W. Equip. Repair	947.93
Lampe True Value	Supplies	243.59
Loras Herrig	Lighting Rebate	18.00
Metering & Tech. Solutions	Water & Electric Meters	4618.58
Mississippi Valley Pump	W.W. Annual Maint. Contract	700.00
Nancy Wilkinson	Service Deposit Refund	236.90
Per Mar Security	Alarm Monitoring Service	194.27
Petty Cash	Reimbursement	38.32
QC Analytical Services	W.W. Lab Testing	257.00
Ryan Gebhard	Service Deposit Refund	167.16
Schoenthaler,Roberg,Kahler,Bartelt	Legal Fees	525.00
Sheila Dunn	Air Conditioner Rebate	150.00
State Hygienic Lab.	Water Testing Service	19.00
Storey Kenworthy	Utility Bills	217.41
The Car Wash	Fuel Purchase	665.49
The Herald Leader	Publication	396.09
Tyler Technologies	Software Interface	2200.00
U.S. Post Office	Stamps	269.50
Universal Electric	Underground Const. Expense	5587.81
USA Bluebook	Supplies	302.61
Verizon Wireless	CIPCO Monthly Access	14.32
Weber Paper Co.	Office Supplies	25.14
Welter Storage Equipment	Equipment	203.30
Windstream	Telephone Service	103.48

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board it was moved by Nudd and seconded by Zeimet to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

Chairman