

February 10, 2016
Regular Session

The Bellevue Municipal Utilities met in Regular Session on February 10, 2016 at 12:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with Chairman Ken Walsh presiding. The roll call was as follows:

PRESENT: Board Members Lucy Zeimet, Barry Nudd and Ken Walsh. Also present were City Administrator Loras Herrig, Electric Superintendent Bob Ploessl, Water Superintendent Brett Ploessl and IIW Engineer Marc Ruden.

ABSENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nudd moved with a second by Zeimet to approve the Agenda with the following additions:

1. Flint Michigan Water Problems
2. Freedom Rock Project
3. SIMECA Economic Funds

CONSENT AGENDA

Zeimet moved with a second by Nudd to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

1. Approve Minutes of January 20, 2016
2. Approve Bills and Claims as Authorized
3. Approve New Vendor List
4. Approve January Financial Reports

THIRD STREET WATER MAIN PROJECT

The Board reviewed the cost estimate for the Third Street Water Main Improvement Project. IIW Engineer Marc Ruden said the competitive quote threshold was \$55000.00 for the project with comparison to the bidding threshold of \$135000.00. Zeimet moved and with a second by Nudd to solicit bids from four local contractors. Motion carried unanimously. The bids are to be submitted to Ruden prior to the next Regular Session. Ruden will make a former recommendation to the Board on the acceptance of quotes.

WASTEWATER SLUDGE DISPOSAL

Electric Superintendent Bob Ploessl shared an improvement plan with the Board concerning some concrete work in the erection of a building at the Wastewater Operating Plant. After discussing the matter in details, Zeimet moved with a second by Walsh to approve the reconstruction of the concrete sludge pad and the erection of building at a cost to exceed \$15000.00. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCONNECT NOTICES

The Board reviewed the current \$20.00 delivery charge fee for disconnect notices; this policy was created in 1998. Nudd moved with a second by Walsh to increase the fee from \$20.00 to \$25.00. Motion was carried unanimously.

UTILITY JOB POSITION

A discussion was held on a new General Laborer position. Zeimet moved with a second by Nudd to advertise the opening. Roll call vote carried:

AYES: Zeimet

NAYES: Nudd and Walsh

1/2 vote, motion defeated.

Walsh then moved with a second by Nudd to offer a General Laborer position to Drew Koranda at a beginning wage of \$16.31. Motion carried unanimously.

FREEDOM ROCK PROJECT

The Board discussed the Freedom Rock Project, which is being developed by the Bellevue American Legion. The proposed Freedom Rock and Veteran Memorial Plaza will sit on Riverview Park in the 200th Block. The Legion requested Bellevue Municipal Utilities provide funding for the electrical wiring. The Board tabled this until additional information is received.

FLINT MICHIGAN WATER PROBLEMS

Board Member Zeimet shared her concerns regarding the City of Flint, MI's water system lead contamination. Zeimet moved with a second by Walsh to approve an expenditure of \$240.00 to donate a pallet of bottle water for the Flint, MI area. Motion carried unanimously.

SIMECA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DOLLARS

Ploessl discussed with the Board where they would like to use the \$3300.00 SIMECA Economic Development Dollars this year. The Board has a \$2000.00 annual commitment to the Jackson County Economical Alliance. The additional \$1300.00 will be donated to the Bellevue Heritage Days Association.

MARCH MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of the Bellevue Municipal Utility Board will be March 9, 2016 at 12:00 P.M

BILLS AND CLAIMS

The following bills and claims were paid as approved:

ATS	Utility Gas Purchase	70.53
Becky Giesmann	Lighting Rebate	14.00
Bellevue Lumber	WW Operat. Supp/Elect. Bld. R&M	1382.58
Bellevue Municipal Utility	Trsf Funds to Elec. Cap. Fund	10000.00
Bellevue Municipal Utility	Elect/Water/WW Util. Bills	7037.59
Card Center	Util. Cr. Card Elect Off. Supp.	10.64
Casey's General Stores	Util. Gas Bills	220.78
City of Bellevue	Util. Office Trsf/Internet Chrg.	32554.27

Deb Bakey	Service Deposit Refund	125.00
Ditch Witch	Elect. Minor Eq. & Tools	452.43
Fletcher-Reinhardt Co.	Elect. St. Light Equip. Expense	7682.60
Grainger	Elect Printer Supplies	342.15
Hawkins, Inc.	Wtr. Treat. Chem. Exp/WW Sldg. Disp. Exp.	1210.56
IIW, P.C.	Prj 15015 Misc./Prj. 16015 Misc./Water Eng.	2107.00
Iowa Dept. of Revenue	Statewide Property Tax	1.39
IPAIT	Elect Purchased Power	122861.44
John Deere Financial	B. Ploessl Clothing Allowance	202.96
Lampe True Value	Elect. Operat. Supp. Exp. & WW	31.36
Petty Cash	Utility Reimbursements	90.34
QCA Analytical Services	WW Outside Lab Testing	374.00
River Valley Energy	Utility Gas Purchase	420.30
Roeder Brothers	Elect. Light Exp/WW Bat. Chgr. Exp.	232.60
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Outside Lab Testing	19.50
T & R Electric	Elect. Dist. Transformers	7200.00
The Car Wash	Utility Gas Purchase	271.50
Unity Pt Clinic-Occ. Med.	Utility Membership Dues	25.00
Universal Electric Supply	Elect. Operat. Supp/Exit Sign	403.94
USA Blue Book	WW Lab Testing	122.88
Verizon	Util. CIPO Mo Access	21.40
Vulcan Industries, Inc	WW Eq. R&M Exp.-Wiper Blades	193.00
Windstream	Utility Phone Bills	100.43
Assurant Employee Benefits	Utility Life Ins.	52.80
Black Hills Energy	Utility Gas Bills	1005.51
Med. Assoc. Health Ins.	Util. Health Ins.	8138.68
Treasurer, State of Iowa	4 th Qrt. Consumer Used Tax	940.00
Treasurer, State of Iowa	Jan. 16-31, 2016 Sales Tax	3593.00

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Zeimet moved with a second by Nudd to adjourn at 1:00p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary

Chairman