

UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2008

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Board President Swafford called the regular meeting of the Utilities Service Board to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Utilities Service Board room at the City of Bloomington Utilities Department Administrative Building in Bloomington, Indiana.

Board members present: Tom Swafford, Pedro Roman, Jeff Ehman, Julie Roberts and ex-officio member Tim Mayer. Staff members present: Patrick Murphy, John Langley, Mike Bengtson, Michael Horstman, Jane Fleig, Phil Peden, Mike Hicks, John Callahan, Adrian Reid, Vickie Renfrow and Mike Trexler. Others present: Ben Beard representing Gentry Estates and Sue Mayer.

Board President Swafford announced that the first order of business would be to remove from the agenda item number IV, Approval of the 2008 Interdepartmental Agreement. It will be reviewed in a Finance Subcommittee meeting before being added to an agenda for a Regular Session.

MINUTES

Board member Roman moved and Board member Roberts seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 14th and 18th meetings. Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Henke and Whikehart).

CLAIMS

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the claims as follows:

Claims 0890257 through 0890330 including \$188,887.84 from the Water Operations & Maintenance fund for a total of \$188,887.84 from the Water Utility; Claims 0830152 through 0830189 including \$126,899.08 from the Wastewater Operations & Maintenance fund for a total of \$126,899.08 from the Wastewater Utility; and claim 0870014 for a total of \$404.50 from the Wastewater/Storm water Utility. Total claims approved – \$316,191.42.

Motion carried. 4 ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Henke and Whikehart).

WIRE TRANSFERS AND FEES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2008

Board member Roberts moved and Board member Roman seconded the motion to approve the wire transfers and fees for the month of January 2008 in the amount of \$590,093.34.

Motion carried, 4 Ayes, 3 members absent, (Banach, Henke & Whikehart).

APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT FOR CONSULTING SERVICES WITH BEAM, LONGEST AND NEFF:

Utilities Engineer Fleig explained that this is an agreement for consulting services to design a water line relocation for the 45/46 by-pass project. This is due to an INDOT road construction project. The project has been discussed for quite some time and at this point INDOT has it scheduled for their January, 2009 bid letting date. The water line relocation will be incorporated into the State highway

widening project. It will primarily be a 20" water main with a small portion being 24". This project had \$1.2 million set aside for it from the 2005 bond proceeds. The contract says there is a total compensation not to exceed \$568,800. The scope of work includes the waterline redesign and an additional route survey that may be necessary. About 16,000 feet of pipe line needs to be moved. The contract also says that the work must be finished in 365 days. Beam, Longest and Neff informed Ms. Fleig that they would actually be ready in January of 2009 if that is when the State gets going.

Ms. Fleig explained the maps that show the route of the construction. It will begin at the intersection of Walnut and the by-pass. The water main in this area will be 24". Water main will be replaced all along the by-pass to Third St.

Es-officio board member Mayer asked about the area that is adjacent to IU on the South side of the highway. Ms. Fleig said that in that area the water main will stay in the right of way of the highway. There are negotiations with IU that may move the water main to the North side of the by-pass. There shouldn't be much additional surveying for that because the INDOT survey is available.

Ms. Fleig explained that the widening of 10th Street from the by-pass to Pete Ellis Drive is not included in this contract. There is a separate contract for that. At Hillsdale Dr. the portion of INDOT right of way from 10th St. to 3rd St. is very narrow and has many other utilities in it. Because of this a new alignment is being considered that will take the water main down Hillsdale Dr., then continues South across Third St., then back over to College Mall Rd. at Second St.

Ex-officio board member Mayer asked if this is similar to the process for the INDOT project on West S.R. 48. Ms. Fleig agreed that it was with the exception that in this case Utilities will qualify for hardship money for the project. The actual construction price is around \$10 million but Utilities will be reimbursed for everything above 10% of the water budget operating costs.

Board President Swafford asked if the size of the pipe is being increased. Ms. Fleig said that the majority of it is being replaced with the same size pipe although there are some locations where it has been determined that additional capacity will be needed, in particular, some of the side connections.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the agreement for consulting services with Beam, Longest and Neff. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent, (Banach and Henke).

APPROVAL OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS:

City Engineer Reid told the board that this Memorandum of Understanding is between the Utilities Department and Public Works for a project on South Rogers. The project extends from Rockport Rd., south to Watson St. just north of the Country Club. The project will include roadway improvements, sidewalks and side paths and storm water improvements. It is in the Broadview neighborhood which is in dire need of the storm water improvements. The design has progressed to the point where it is clear that the sewers and water lines will have to be moved in the places where they will conflict with the storm water lines. The design is not far enough along yet so there is an Engineer's estimate of the construction costs. The estimate for the design services is \$17,300.00. Utilities would be responsible for 20% of that cost which is about \$3,500. The Memorandum of Understanding covers the agreement between the USB and the Board of Public Works to pay the fees for the design.

Board member Roman asked if Mr. Reid could make an estimate of the total cost for the re-location of the water and sewer lines. Mr. Reid said there is not an engineer's estimate for this work yet since

the design has not reached a stage where that estimate could be made. If the engineer's estimate should be considerably beyond what the USB feels is reasonable Utilities could do the relocation work themselves. If the estimate is reasonable it would make sense to do it this way because Utilities will be reimbursed for 80% of the actual construction costs.

Mr. Roman asked about the storm water work. He wanted to know if they will be installing a new system or modifying one that is already there. Mr. Reid said there are not any storm water sewers in that neighborhood right now. It will all be new and is a part of the design that is being paid for.

Ex-officio board member Mayer asked if the storm water would go down Country Club Dr. to the creek. Mr. Reid said that as a part of the project a culvert will be replaced and there will be one outfall there. Going south from there it will go to Ralston which dead ends at Rogers but there is still an easement on the east side of Rogers. From there it will go across to Grimes St. and out towards the rail yard.

Board member Roberts moved and board member Ehman seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Bloomington Utilities and Public Works Departments. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 2 members absent, (Banach and Henke).

Board member Ehman asked if the Memorandum is for both design and construction. City Engineer Reid said it is for both but he would come back to the USB when the construction stage is reached.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no subcommittee meetings. Board President Swafford said a Finance Subcommittee meeting would be scheduled soon.

Utilities Director Murphy asked the Rules and Regulations Subcommittee how things are coming along with the re-writing of Rule 24. Board President Swafford said that the City Legal Department is reviewing it.

STAFF REPORTS:

Board President Swafford said that a full report on all the projects had been planned for this meeting but he asked the staff to delay it because so many USB members were unable to attend. It will be scheduled for March 17th.

Board President Swafford asked about the project that is taking place on Washington St. Assistant Director of Engineering Bengtson said that the last few budgets had included money for the replacement of 4" water mains mostly in the downtown area where they are a century old. Public Works Director Susie Johnson has assembled a list of paving projects. The Engineering Department has been doing estimates on the replacement of Utilities infrastructure following the paving list. The Transmission and Distribution Department have been replacing the water mains as quickly as they can. Ms. Johnson had requested that Smith Avenue, which intersects with Washington St., have the

water mains replaced before paving. There have also been sewer problems on Washington St. between 2nd St. and 3rd St. so those have been replaced in conjunction with the Middle Way House project. This area also had a water line with an incomplete loop so that will get replaced and some storm water work may be done too. Once this work is done it will all be re-paved.

Ex-officio board member Mayer thanked the T & D crews who have been working on the W. Third St. project in very bad weather.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no petitions or communications.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

L. Thomas Swafford, President