## COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS Minutes of February 14, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Works was held on Thursday, February 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., in the Boardroom at 121 West Court Avenue.

## In attendance:

Steve D. Reeves, Jr.	Jerry Smith	Bill Patrick
Ken Barnett	Greg Shaw	Stacia May
Eduardo Noriega	Jeff Chapman	Chris Trainor
Carlos Cometto	Teresa Lake	Chris Lindley
Jeff Meredith	George Petersen	
Wayne Bartley	Vicki Knott	
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- I. Chairman Hancock called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Commissioner Watts.
- II. Chairman Hancock gave the statement of compliance with the notification provision of the Freedom of Information Act.

## III. Business:

A. Manager Reeves presented a request from the Town of Ninety Six for sponsorship of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Festival of Stars & Independence Day fireworks celebration. The Commissioners agreed to the same sponsorship as last year, in the amount of \$500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Watts, seconded by Commissioner Monaghan, and unanimously approved.

## IV. Other Business:

- 1. Manager Reeves reminded the Commissioners of the annual Employee Banquet to be held at the American Legion, on Thursday, February 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the benefits providers, followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Commissioner Watts commended Mr. Noriega and the gas department on inhouse installation of new gas lines and the addition of 79 new customers. Mr. Noriega noted potential gas sales from new retail businesses and a supermarket planned near Lowe's.

- 3. Commissioner Monaghan asked for a status update on the COC yard expansion project. Mr. Meredith responded that they met with a couple of tree consultants, pointing out that during the budget process he was asked to expand that to include the city pond property, which slowed down the progress a little. He stated that the consultants suggested a straight sale for the COC thinning; they are meeting with two people next week to get that going. He added that work had already started on the design of the yard, including getting specifications to install the back gate to tie into vehicle security to allow access in and out of the gate. Mr. Meredith expressed the hope that the bid would be ready for the April bid opening, as well as for the actual sale of the timber on all sites, but definitely on the COC site. He commented on discussions with Mr. Cometto about building design, and noted a kick-off meeting planned for the following Tuesday. At that time, the design work on phase 3 that includes the actual building will start; priorities will be laid out, and task assignments done, with a goal of having the bid package done by mid-summer.
- 4. Commissioner Monaghan asked if money was being made on hedging; Mr. Smith responded that some money was made on put options. Commissioner Monaghan asked if gas prices would hold; Mr. Smith responded that the forward outlook for prices is pretty stable; there is a fair amount of contango as the market goes up and as we go forward in time. Until something changes, such as the economy picking up, or power generators using more gas for power generation, not much change is expected, so the short-term outlook is favorable. Commissioner Monaghan asked about the contract time; Mr. Smith responded that it goes through 2015, with a two-year extension if we do not do anything. If we want to do something different, we would have to give notice, or they give us notice. Commissioner Monaghan noted receiving a compliment from Ascend in the past week on the quality of service received.
- 5. Chairman Hancock commented on having to take five weeks of radiation because of a spot found on his lung three months ago; the spot is small, so they want to get rid of that. He commented that he planned on being around a while, and asked for prayer. He stated that he was going to make it, adding that he loved CPW and would continue to serve. He concluded by expressing appreciation to staff for all their work.

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V.	Executive Session:
	A motion was made by Commissioner Monaghan and seconded by Commissioner Watts to go into <i>Executive Session</i> for contractual and personnel matters; the motion was unanimously approved.
VI.	With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2013