

5/15/07

Regular Board Meeting

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Council Chambers, 4th Floor, City Hall 50 Second Avenue Bridge Cedar Rapids, IA 52401

Present: PRESENT: Lu Barron, Pat Ball, Kay Halloran, Mark Jones, Charles Kress, Linda Langston, Justin Shields, Lyle Hanson (for Jim Prosser). ABSENT: Tom Podzimek and Jim Prosser.

Staff: Karmin McShane, Diana Baculis, Darrin Gage, Patricia Myers

Others: Brian Harthun, HR Green Company; Jennifer Ryan, Kristin Simon, and Dick Stater, ECICOG; Tom Newbanks, City of Marion; Joanne Popelka; Media.

Notes:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lu Barron, at 1:40 PM at which time the mission statement was recited. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007, regular board meeting, second by Ball. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing on FY07 Budget Amendment: Public hearing was opened at 1:42 PM. No public comment was received. Jones moved to close the public hearing, second by Langston. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Input: None

Director's Report: McShane introduced Diana Baculis, Agency Communications Manager. McShane updated the board on the Envirogas contract, the recent Supreme Court decision regarding flow control, Senate File 601 which includes funding for a plasma arc feasibility study, and the sewer agreement with the City of Marion. Jones moved to authorize staff to prepare a scope of services for a plasma feasibility study once Senate File 601 is signed by Governor Culver, second by Langston. Motion carried unanimously. Langston moved to approve Resolution No. 07-04 "A Resolution Amending the Bylaws of the Cedar Rapids/Linn County Solid Waste Agency", second by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Hanson reported the Finance Committee recommends approval of accounts payable in the amount of \$445,059.43. Jones moved to approve the payables, second by Kress. Motion carried unanimously. Jones moved to approve the FY07 Operating and Capital Budget Amendment, second by Kress. Motion carried unanimously.

Operations Report: Jones reported the Operations Committee discussed entering into a building lease at Site #1 with the Iowa Task Force Urban Search and Rescue Division of the Cedar Rapids Fire Department. Langston moved to negotiate and execute the terms of an annual lease in the amount of \$27,500 with the group after approval of the lease by Jim Flitz, second by Jones. Motion carried unanimously.

Planning Report: Gage reported the Agency identified three pieces of equipment that are surplus. Ball moved to approve Resolution No. 07-03 “A Resolution Declaring Surplus Equipment and Authorizing Disposition of Said Equipment”, second by Halloran. Motion carried unanimously. Gage reported on the Keep Linn County Beautiful I-380 Cleanup held on April 22, 2007, and recognized Kristin Simon and Dick Stater for their efforts. Gage reported 109 cars came to the Hiawatha mobile hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Gage reported on a partnership with Linn County Conversation to move approximately 25 trees from the farm property at Site #2 to other Agency sites and to Squaw Creek Park. Gage also reported there are several events in the community that will be using the Agency’s event recycling bins. Gage noted that a letter has been sent to Cedar Rapids City Administrator Jim Prosser addressing the 4 recommendations regarding the Agency’s compost operation. Gage reported excavation has begun on the maintenance building at Site #2. Brian Harthun, HR Green Company, gave a presentation on the Closure of Site #1, and the expansion and closure of the 30 acre original cell at Site #2.

Board Member Reports: Barron presented a letter to send to Judy Whetstone regarding the 15 in

5 Solid Waste Committee recommendations. Jones moved to approve sending the letter, second by Langston. Motion carried unanimously. It was suggested Barron talk with Judy Whetstine to see what the committee's goals are and what the next best step might be. Barron asked Kress to schedule a Personnel Committee meeting to complete the Executive Director's performance evaluation.

Barron adjourned the meeting at 2:40 PM for lack of further business.

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