

Special City Commission Meeting

Mayor Winters presiding

**CALL TO ORDER:** 10:00 AM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** City Commissioners present: Michael Winters, Bob Jones, Bill Bronson and Fred Burow. Commissioner Kelly was excused. Also present were the City Manager and Deputy City Manager; City Attorney; Directors of Fiscal Services and Park and Recreation; and the City Clerk.

**\*\* Action Minutes of the Great Falls City Commission. Please refer to the audio/video recording of this meeting for additional detail. \*\***

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. CITY OF GREAT FALLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – NATURAL GAS SUPPLY.**

City Manager Greg Doyon reported that the City previously participated in a consortium to purchase natural gas that typically results in savings. At some point, the entities determined that they could do better on their own. The City transitioned to a month-to-month purchasing practice for the last couple of months until the RFP process could be completed. Two separate proposals for gas and electric were issued.

From a budget management standpoint, as the City exits Southern and rebuilds its financial structure, makes its second settlement payment and moves forward, he is looking for stability and certainty. The proposals and terms submitted could benefit the City in that the City could stabilize these rates for a period of time while in a mode of recovery. The two proposals received were from Energy West and Jefferson Energy Trading, LLC (Jetco).

Energy Consultant Bill Pascoe reported that Energy West offered a one-year up to a five-year contract with pricing lower than Jetco that offered a one or two-year contract. Consultant Pascoe reviewed a summary of final price proposals and explained a chart of Energy West gas supply prices.

Manager Doyon and Consultant Pascoe recommended that the City Commission accept the five-year contract proposed by Energy West.

**Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, that the City Commission accept a proposal from Energy West for a period of five years for natural gas supply to the City of Great Falls and authorize the City Manager to execute the necessary supply agreements.**

Mayor Winters asked if there was any discussion amongst the Commissioners.

Commissioner Burow clarified the price of \$4.14/dkt was for the term of the five-year contract.

Mayor Winters asked if there were any comments from the public.

**Ron Gessaman**, 1006 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE, predicted that the price of natural gas will remain low.

There being no one else to address the Commission, Mayor Winters called for the vote.

Motion carried 4-0.

### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **2. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

There were no miscellaneous reports and announcements.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, **Commissioner Bronson moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to adjourn the special meeting of October 24, 2013, at 10:20 a.m.**

Motion carried 4-0.

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Mayor Michael J. Winters

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City Clerk Lisa Kunz

Minutes Approved: November 5, 2013