

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL

AMES, IOWA

NOVEMBER 2, 2015

The Ames City Council met in special session at 2:03 p.m. on the 2nd day of November 2015, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law with Mayor Pro Tem Matthew Goodman presiding and the following Council members present: Gloria Betcher, Amber Corrieri, Tim Gartin, Chris Nelson, and Peter Orazem. Mayor Ann Campbell and *ex officio* Member Sam Schulte were absent.

PORTABLE ELECTRIC SPACE HEATERS FOR POWER PLANT: Electric Services Director Donald Kom explained that because Unit No. 7 is an older unit, there is a possibility of boiler tube failure. If that were to happen when Unit No. 8 was down, the Power Plant would have no means to heat the Plant or even prevent freezing of pipes. During the upcoming winter conversion of Unit No. 8 to gas, the only source of heat will be the Unit No. 7 boiler. If it were to go down, an outage would last a minimum of three days. The space heaters being requested would be used inside the Plant to prevent freezing. They would heat the Plant to a temperature of approximately 45 degrees, which would keep the pipes from freezing.

According to Director Kom, staff did look at leasing electric heaters; however, the price differential between leasing and buying was so minimal, the recommendation is to purchase the heaters. That price differential would quickly be used up if power had to be purchased. Mr. Kom stated that staff also looked at heater options other than electric. However, due to the need to add ventilation for other options, staff is recommending electric heaters. The Council was told that the heaters could be used in other City facilities when no longer needed at the Power Plant, if the need were to arise.

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Corrieri, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 15-676 awarding a contract to Hertz Equipment Rental Corporation of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for purchase of Portable Electric Space Heaters for Power Plant in the amount of \$166,835.50 (inclusive of applicable Iowa sales tax). Roll Call Vote: 6-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these Minutes.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Orazem to adjourn the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor