

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE AMES CITY COUNCIL**

**AMES, IOWA**

**MARCH 14, 2008**

The Ames City Council met in special session at 11:05 a.m. on the 14th day of March, 2008, in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 515 Clark Avenue, pursuant to law with Mayor Ann Campbell presiding and the following Council members present: Goodman, Mahayni, Popken, and Rice. Council Member Doll joined the meeting telephonically. Council Member Larson and *Ex officio* Member Luttrell were absent.

**EASEMENTS ON PROPOSED ROUTE OF 161-kV TRANSMISSION LINE:** Electric Services Director Don Kom explained that the easements in question will be needed in order for the City to run a transmission line from the Ames Plant to Ankeny. The City's right-of-way agent has been notifying the City about the options coming due; however, the two being discussed today were inadvertently left off the list. Mr. Kom advised that the two options in question will expire on March 15 and April 5, and the cost of acquiring the easements is \$8,168 and \$7,500, respectively.

Lyndon Cook, Electrical Engineering Manager, outlined the proposed route. He advised that two additional easements will be needed; those options will come due in late April and will be brought to the City Council during a Regular Meeting in the near future. He also advised that the Ruling from the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) on the City's franchise application is not anticipated until early April.

Council Member Rice asked to know the time line for this project, if and when the IUB approves the franchise. Director Kom advised that, once the franchise is granted, agreements must be reached with those landowners who have not granted easements to the City. There are a total of five landowners (three in Story County and two in Polk County) as well as the City of Huxley that have not granted easements. It is hoped that amicable settlements with those landowners can be reached; if not, the City will move forward with condemnation proceedings. Once all easements have been obtained, the construction process will begin. The project will go through the formal bidding process. It is hoped that construction of the project will begin yet this year.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Mahayni, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-084 authorizing the exercise of options to acquire easements due to expire on March 15 and April 5, 2008, on the proposed route of the 161-kV Transmission Line in the amounts of \$8168 and \$7,500, respectively, for a total of \$15,668.

Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Resolution declared adopted unanimously, signed by the Mayor, and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

**COMMENTS:** Director Kom advised that the City's Energy Fair will be held in the Community Center Gymnasium on March 22 from 10 AM to 2 PM. He described and distributed Energy Efficiency Kits, which will be given to those attending the event.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Goodman, seconded by Popken, to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Diane Voss, City Clerk

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Ann H. Campbell, Mayor