

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

AMES, IOWA

APRIL 3, 2008

The Ames City Council met in special session at 12:02 PM on the 3rd day of April, 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: Doll, Goodman, Larson, Popken, and Rice. Council Member Mahayni and *ex officio* Member Luttrell were absent.

CHANGE ORDER FOR REPAIRS TO UNIT 8 COOLING TOWER: Electric Services Assistant Director Brian Trower explained that, on April 10, 2007, the City Council had approved a contract with Evaptech for Unit #8 Cooling Tower Rebuild Services. After the contractor began work in the Tower, it was determined that greater-than-expected deterioration had occurred in the structural columns, joists, and transverse supports that support the hot water basin near the top of the Tower. It was not until the hot water basin deck was removed that the deteriorated joists were evident. According to Mr. Trower, the work needs to be done at this time and is essential to minimize downtime for the cooling tower in order to keep additional purchased power costs as low as possible.

Regarding funding, Mr. Trower advised that \$10,000 remains in the current project budget, and monies will be moved from other line items in the Power Plant Operations and Maintenance budget to cover the additional expense.

Council Member Rice noted that the joists were made of wood and asked if there was a more durable material. Mr. Trower advised the joists would be treated wood. The Tower is not a good environment for steel, and stainless steel is too expensive.

Moved by Goodman, seconded by Doll, to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 08-113 approving a Change Order to the contract with Evaptech, Inc., of Lenexa, Kansas, for repairs to Unit 8 Cooling Tower in the amount of \$59,230.

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

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Doll, seconded by Goodman, to adjourn the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Diane Voss, City Clerk

Ann H. Campbell, Mayor