

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
June 30, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on June 30, 2020 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Porter, Fossand, Evertson, Coleman and Brown were in attendance. Also attending was Water Superintendent Sisk, Electric Superintendent Hinton, Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, Wastewater Treatment Operator Wagner, City Treasurer Brower and City Clerk Terrill attended in person. The public was represented.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by publication in the Western Nebraska Observer. Notice of the meeting was given to the members and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and the agenda is on record at the office of the City Clerk. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance notice and in the notice to the members. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Porter called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

The Board of Public Works reviewed the following items under the consent agenda: (1) Minutes from the regular meeting of May 26, 2020; (2) Claims; (3) Treasurer's Report from May 2020; and (4) Financial Reports from May 2020.

Evertson moved and seconded by Brown to approve the consent agenda as presented in the packet. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to elect Chairman and Vice Chairman. Porter asked for a motion to keep the current Chair and Vice Chair. After discussion, Coleman asked about electing a secretary per City Code. Terrill advised the board that she would contact the City Attorney. Brown moved and seconded by Evertson to elect Sonny Porter as Chairman and Gregg Fossand as Vice Chairman for the Board of Public Works. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider the COVID-19 Discount. Porter stated that under budget constraints the board should discontinue the relief at this time. Evertson stated that she had not heard anything positive. Brown and Porter stated that they had heard negative comments. Mayor Prunty thanked the board for the discount but agreed it is time to discontinue. Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to discontinue the 5% COVID-19 Disaster Discount on utilities. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider setting a monthly meeting date. Porter stated that the board must have a regular meeting date. Porter went on to say that the board would continue to hold their meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 4:15 p.m. Terrill advised the board that if they want to keep the current meeting day and time of the fourth Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. there would be no action needed. Terrill went on to say that if the board wants to change the day and or time that it would need to go to City Council. Porter advised that the board would keep the current meeting day and time. No action needed.

Porter opened discussion to receive an update from Keep Kimball Beautiful. Porter introduced Spud Rowley. Rowley advised the board that the total materials recycled in the first quarter of 2020 was 237,149 lbs. Rowley added that the final total for 2019 was 655,094 lbs. Rowley stated that due to the current issues with the Gering landfill there have been discussions of Kimball taking on their recyclables.

Porter opened discussion on the Power Plant update from Cooper Machinery Services. Dean Saylor and Brandon Workman of Cooper Machinery Services introduced themselves to the board. Workman stated that the Power Plant has been well maintained and appears to be safe. Workman went on to say that the plant should last several more years with proper maintenance. Workman went on to say that the condition of the heat exchangers outside of the plant needs service. Workman added the condition puts reliable equipment in an unreliable situation and is an unsafe situation for the town based off not having them available. Saylor presented the board with a power point of photos of the Power Plant. Saylor pointed out that cooler number one and two have significant issues with the foundation. Saylor went on to add that they have had to run water due to the leaks, so they are unable to run the proper chemicals and treatments. Workman added that the cooling water that run through the tubes that should be capped on the end so that the water will circle back around with a fan below to blow the heat back up. Workman added that is the reason for the shift in the foundation. Saylor pointed out the issues with numbers four and five. Discussion was held on one of the units that has been cobbled to run and how the cast iron will leak and cause pressure on either side.

City Council member Kim Baliman asked how old the radiators are. One and two were bought from another company that were used. Number six is one of the newest, put in when the cooper was put in in 1974. Has been well maintained by the employees over the years.

Porter brought up the current finances stating that the board needs to have an idea on the cost of the repairs before they can decide. Terrill advised that he has also asked Saylor to break down the cost, so the board has an idea of the cost to repair in phases. Porter asked about updating the system in several stages. Porter went on to say if they start with phase one just to get the cooper up and running. Porter asked Terrill what they would get out of the cooper. Terrill advised it is rated at 3.9 MW but the most they have done is 3.5 MW. Saylor advised that they can break it down into stages. Saylor asked if the board would like to replace it with something new or something that is reconditioned. Saylor added the switches in the engine room that would work and cut the cost down. Workman added that it would be a good idea to have units one and two on own cooling system and units three and four on their own cooling system so they can work independently. Porter asked about the contract with MEAN. Electric Superintendent Hinton advised the board that the current contract is through 2041 and that the capacity

is based on when MEAN would need it. Fossand asked if the capacity payments are separate from that contract. Hinton advised that the capacity payments are due to Kimball being a member of MEAN. Porter asked if it affected our rebate. Hinton advised no, only the capacity payments. Workman asked if they would be able to get a portion of the capacity payments with one or two radiators. Terrill advised MEAN brought to Kimball the option to change to 4 MW or 5 MW and change the agreement until can get back to 8 MW. Terrill advised if they only did 5 MW that would not require much cooling.

Porter asked how long they had until they could not get the 8 MW back. Terrill advised that there is an extension for 15-months. Porter said have 7-8 months left. Porter asked how long it would take to put in a unit and how many coolers were needed for 5 MW.

Discussion was held on the catalytic converters that were installed in 2012 in order to become RICE compliant. Coleman asked if it were possible to get the revenue from the last five years that the plant has been operational. Coleman went on to ask if the Power Plant can be separated from the electric. Brower advised that the Power Plant is already separated by line items, but she cannot create an individual account.

Colman asked if the board could get a summary sheet for last 5 yrs. Porter stated it needed to go back to 2012 to show the large expenditures. Porter advised that 2012-2015 were most expensive years. Brown asked why going back so far. Coleman stated that if the Plant has not made any revenue over the years then they cannot put money into it. Porter advised if it does not generate revenue the Power Plant had to have some significant investments with the funding from capacity payments. Porter went on to say that if we cannot make back our money then cannot afford to put money into Power Plant because several of our utilities run in the red every year and electric has to fund those departments instead. Porter went on to say that if it will cost a significant amount more than what it is making than do not know if we can afford to keep it much longer. Will not know until we have that number. Prunty stated that even if the Power Plant would run in the red a lot of the reasons was redundancy and to back up power. Porter agreed that the board needs to balance out the benefit that it gives us and the ability it gives us to generate power in the event of an outage.

Workman advised can get numbers within two weeks with two different options. Porter said need a 5 MW option. Brown the target generation rate for a town our size was 5 MW. Workman stated that he would provide a short-term option and a tiered option for 5 MW and 9 MW. Coleman asked with all engines running what our capacity. Terrill rated for 9 MW but paid for 8 MW. Porter stated needs to be running within 7 months. After further discussion, Evertson moved and seconded by Brown to schedule a special meeting for July 14, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider the proposal from HOA Solutions for the PLC's at the water wells. Porter advised the board that the current PLC's are running on an old outdated operating system that is no longer supported. Sisk advised that if there is an issue with one of the wells then the PLC will start the pump on the next well and so on. Sisk advised that the proposal includes training. After further discussion, Brown moved and seconded by Fossand to approve the proposal from HOA Solutions in the amount of

\$23,673.00. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on Ordinance No. 780. Terrill advised that Hinton was working with Dean on this Ordinance. Terrill went on to say that this was included so that the board is aware that it will be going to City Council on July 21, 2020. Hinton stated that the Ordinance is protection so that if they are working on an electrical line and people have generators. No action.

Porter opened discussion to consider allowing an outdoor truck wash at Anderson Crude Transport. Sisk advised the board that Anderson would like to have an indoor carwash and then an outdoor truck wash. Sisk stated that typically do not allow an outdoor drain that is open to storm water. Sisk went on to say that our ordinance states that outdoor drains are at the discretion of the Water Superintendent he wanted to discuss it with the board. Coleman asked how an outdoor drain is different than a curb gutter. Sisk advised those go to the creek and not the treatment plant. Porter asked if this drain could go to the creek instead of the treatment plant. Sisk advised that would not be allowed due to the detergents. Sisk added that his concern is overloading the capacity of the treatment plant but Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Quicke does not think there will be an issue. After further discussion, Sisk stated that he did not have an issue with Anderson installing an outdoor truck wash. Sisk added that the property might have to be rezoned. Porter stated that he has already talked to the property owners and they will not have an issue with rezoning.

Brower reported the transformer went down at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on the 13th but has now been repaired.

Wagner advised that the motor on the mixer has been repaired, the second motor since November.

Brower added that the carport was installed at the Wastewater Plant. Street closures will be coming while the water line is installed at the new Transit Building. Power Plant hired new operator that will start July 20. Brower added that we will start working on budget next month.

Next regular meeting will be July 28, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to approve the regular meeting date of July 28, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

There being no further business, Coleman moved and seconded by Evertson to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Chairperson

City Clerk

Utilities-Board of Public Works-Claims-June 30, 2020-Ixom Watercare Inc.-Equipment-11,380.00; Kimball

Auto Parts-Supplies-101.56; Powerplan-Repairs-6,717.27; Nebraska Department of Enviro Quality-Services-1,178.75; City of Kimball-Utility Group Health Allocations-25,209.68; Cummins Sales & Service-Services-1,298.21; Estate of Bonnie Keser-Overpaymet-17.18; Kimball Recycling-Monthly Support-3,198.00; Metron-Farnier, LLC-Meters-1,230.50; Payroll Fund-Payroll-49,052.75; Golder Associates, Inc.-Renewal-8,967.53; American Legal Publishing Corporation-Subscription-741.50; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-227.96; CenturyLink-Telephone-751.16; Centurylink Communications, Inc.-Long Distance-85.82; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-380.00; EMC National Life Company-Premium-92.07; Frenchman Valley Coop-Fuel-3,000.86; High West Energy-Utilities-9,086.00; Kimball County Treasurer-Utility Share-15,000.00; MEAN-Mean Bill-101,329.32; Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc.-Lease Postage Machine -615.00; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional Services-568.55; Union Bank & Trust Company-Curb Series-624.00; Viero-Cell Phone-183.96; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-2,252.02; Western Nebraska Observer-Meeting Notices-448.99; Payroll Fund-Payroll-52,316.91; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-168.36; Great America Financial Services-Lease-Copier-299.00; Charter Communications-Internet-292.84; Bairco Construction Inc-Refund-80.12; CenCon, L.L.C.-Services-1,800.00; City of Kimball-Utility Group Health Allocations-22,024.89; City of Kimball-Occupation Tax-10,075.89; City of Kimball-Transfer-13.75; City of Kimball-Transfer-2,724.00; City of Kimball-Transfer-11,472.00; Combined Utilities-Utilities-1,13.81; Corpro An Aegion Company-Services-1,750.00; Crescent Electric Supply Company-Supplies-2,604.49; Croell Redi-Mix, Inc.-Repairs-256.27; Culligan-Rental-32.20; Dale's Auto Glass-Repairs-350.82; Dollar General Corporation-Supplies-25.00; Dutton-Lainson Company-Supplies-981.08; Enviro Service Inc.-Water Sample-104.00; Exponential Engineering, Company-Services-3,144.63; Frenchman Valley Coop-Fuel- 1,850.23; Golder Associates, Inc.-Renewal-6,036.42; Grainger-Supplies-793.37; Hach Company-Supplies-138.03; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-1,155.45; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-67.86; Intralinks, Inc.-Software-310.00; Kimball HVAC Inc.-Repairs-170.00; Kimball Recycling-Monthly Support-3,198.00; Kimball Service Center-Repairs-45.00; Donnie Lee-Refund-86.61; Linda's Monograms & Beyond-Services-663.00; M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc.-Services-2,500.00; Midwest Connect, LLC-Services-312.00; Municipal Automation & Control-Services-192.00; Nebraska Rural Water Association-Membership Renewal-200.00; Northern Safety Co., Inc.-Supplies-213.27; Northwest Pipe Fitting, Inc. of Scottsbluff-Services-102.57; One Call Concepts-Locates-29.95; One Stop Safety Solutions-Services-135.00; Panhandle Coop-Fuel-592.76; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-38.79; Powerplan-Supplies-2,196.74; Prestige Welding & Repair -Repairs-142.05; Reliance Standard Life Ins Company-Premium-276.03; Respond First Aid Systems-Supplies-152.81; Elijah Roghair-Refund-92.90; SWANA-Membership Renewal-223.00; Stephanie Scales-Refund-68.53; Southwestern Equipment Company-Parts-128.53; Spalding Fly Predators-Supplies-56.95; Staples-Supplies-141.06; State of Nebraska-Refund Assistance-443.33; Wesco Distribution Receivables Corporation-Supplies-4,429.68; Payroll Fund-Payroll Transfer-50,811.53

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