

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
January 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on January 22, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Coleman, Robinson, Evertson, Fossand and Porter were present. Also present were Electric Superintendent Hinton, Water Superintendent Sisk, Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, City Administrator Dean, City Treasurer Brower and City Clerk Terrill. 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 4:15 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

The Board of Public Works reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting of December 20, 2018;
2. Claims;
3. Treasurer's Report from December 2018; and
4. Financial Reports from December 2018.

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

Porter opened discussion on the landlord utility agreement that was tabled in October 2018. Porter listed his issues with the agreement including that the landlord has no recourse to collect the funds while the City does. Porter asked if the bad debt of \$10,000 for the 17-18 budget year was the cost to the City before or after the collection agency was paid. Treasurer Brower stated it was after the collection agency was paid. Porter went on to say that there is an ailing housing market in Kimball and that the landlord would not be able to recoup that cost. Robinson asked if the sample agreement in the packet is the current city policy. Dean stated that the City does not have a policy.

Christy Warner, Kimball resident/City Council member, addressed the Board stating that she has several years as a landlord. Warner went on to say that the City has recourse

to pursue delinquent accounts because the City has an attorney and that landlords should not have to take on that debt.

Jim Cederberg, Kimball resident, stated that the \$10,000 cost to the City is just a cost of business. Cederberg went on to say that there is no incentive for the landlords to sign this policy. Cederberg added that the Board should consider a policy similar to Black Hills Energy that gives the landlord the option to take responsibility.

After discussion, the Board suggested the City to pursue an agreement that the customer would sign that gives the City permission to share the customer account information with the landlord.

Porter opened discussion to recommend bid for vacuum evacuation trailer with valve exerciser to the City Council. Water Superintendent Sisk advised the Board that the money to purchase this equipment was budgeted out of the Water, Streets and Electric Departments 18-19 fiscal year budget. Sisk went on to say that he had three companies demo this equipment but he did not receive a bid from Ditch Witch. Discussion was held on the three bids received from the two companies. Sisk stated that the \$10,000 upgrade from Nebraska Environmental for the diesel engine is the better piece of equipment. After discussion, Robinson moved and seconded by Fossand to recommend approval from City Council for the bid from Nebraska Environmental in the amount of \$54,405.00 for the 2018 Hurco Vacuum Evacuation Trailer and Valve Exerciser. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Robinson, Evertson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider request from County to waive the C&D fees at the landfill for a specific building. Christy Warner asked the Board on behalf of Kimball County to waive the landfill fees for the remodeling of a building that was purchased for the Kimball County Transit. All Board members were receptive to working with Kimball County on this request.

Electric Superintendent Hinton advised the Board that he has been updating his list of local businesses to contact when there are power issues. Hinton went on to say that the electric crew has been working on the 34/5 line.

Power Plant Superintendent Terrill advised the Board that they have been doing winter maintenance at the Plant. Terrill went on to say that he has been working on the inventory app as the GIS mapping is on hold for now.

Water Superintendent Sisk advised the Board that they have been working on sewer maintenance and that there have been some problems on the private side that they have helped with. Sisk also stated that there was a sample that came back as contaminated, but it was because the valve was closed. Sisk added that the line was flushed, and the retest was fine.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte advised the Board that he will need to replace a couple of the tires on the loader.

Administrator Dean advised the Board that he spoke to the ACE representative at the MEAN meeting and the City should receive a check from ACE for approximately \$5,000. Dean added that ACE will not be participating in the “hanger program” but they are working on other incentive programs.

Discussion was held on the next regular meeting date. Dean advised the Board that he will not be in town on February 26, 2019. After discussion, the next regular meeting will be February 27, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.

With there being no further discussion, Fossand moved and seconded by Evertson to adjourn at 5:09 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Robinson, Evertson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Chairperson

City Clerk