

Board of Public Works  
Regular Meeting  
October 22, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on October 22, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Coleman, Fossand, Evertson, Robinson and Porter were present. Also present was Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, 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 4:17 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 September 24, 2019;
2. Claims;
3. Treasurer's Report from September 2019; and
4. Financial Reports from September 2019.

Coleman moved and seconded by Evertson 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 advised the Board that the Mayor requested the first agenda item, discuss and consider request for assistance on utility bills for the Event Center/Fitness Center, be removed. Robinson moved and seconded by Fossand to remove the Event Center/Fitness Center request from discussion. 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 the Landfill Rate Study. Porter advised the Board that he thought the acceleration rate at 18% is exorbitant. Dean advised the Board that he put together an alternate resolution showing the rate increase at \$1.75 instead of the proposed \$3.15 for residential and commercial. Dean went on to say that the alternate resolution also increases the \$11.00 at the gate instead of the proposed \$11.50. Discussion was held on aging equipment, the Landfill eventually becoming self-sufficient and to reevaluate rates in a year. After discussion, Robinson moved and

seconded by Fossand to approve Resolution 2019-03 with the amendments made by Dean and to amend the effective date to January 1, 2020. 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 procedure for water leaks. Dean stated that he is asking the Board for direction and that there is a resident that currently has a water leak that has lost a substantial amount of water. Dean went on to say that the customer has paid for the water but that the City does not have a current policy on handling these leaks. Dean added that other communities have policies that give the resident a set time period to fix the leak or the water would be turned off. Dean added that the customer was not able to locate the leak. Porter stated that at some point the leak is catastrophic and the City cannot allow it to continue. Evertson asked Dean if the City could assist residents in locating the leak. Dean advised the Board that the City does not go onto private property. After discussion, the Board advised Dean to pursue a policy on water leaks and bring back at a later date.

Power Plant Superintendent Terrill advised the Board that the radiator on the Cooper Engine is leaking and he is in the process of repairing it.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte advised the Board that NDEQ will be here on November 7<sup>th</sup> for the five-year permitting.

Dean read a report for Electric Superintendent Hinton.

Next meeting date is November 26, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. With there being no further discussion, Fossand moved and seconded by Coleman to adjourn at 4:47 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.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk