

Board of Public Works  
Regular Meeting  
January 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on January 12, 2021 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Porter, Evertson, Coleman, Fossand and Brown were in attendance. Absent: None. Also attending were Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Water Superintendent Sisk, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Quicke, Electric Superintendent Hinton, City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Brower. 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 5:00 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 8, 2020; (2) Claims; (3) Treasurer's Report from December 2020; and (4) Financial Reports from December 2020. Evertson moved and seconded by Brown to approve the consent agenda as presented in the packet. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Brown, Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on the Power Plant repair needs. Discussion was held on electrical updates needed for compliance for the pump room also gauges need calibration and regular continued maintenance. Powertech visited the site to prepare a bid for the two radiators on the West side of the building. MEAN did a site visit and advised that they would be willing to assist in anyway to gather information on contractors and pricing for needed repairs and upgrades.

Porter opened discussion on the updates from Superintendents.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte advised the C&D permit is issued; dumpsters are in the process of being repaired. There will be an air emissions report coming up soon that will be worked on.

Water Superintendent Sisk advised the Board that the upgrades with PLC's, VFD radios are all working well, showing a 27% lower peak demand and the well bill was lower by 18% from the past month. Crew has completed the quarterly sewer maintenance. The design phase of the water loop project is complete and moving forward. EPA has copper rule revisions possibly rolling out in the future.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Quicke advised that electricians are on site this week for electric to carport for the tractor as well as updating outlets for when EPA is on site for testing for them to access. Engineers who originally built the plant will be out to look at the clarifiers to help determine future needs for efficiency as the gear boxes are original and date back several decades. Crew is continuing maintenance and reading meters.

Electric Superintendent Hinton advised they have been busy at the Power Plant with maintenance and have had several service upgrade requests. There is a nationwide backlog on steel, so projects are taking some time while they wait on parts to be delivered.

Next regular meeting will be February 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Fossand moved and seconded by Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Brown, Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Motion passed.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk