

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
February 09, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on February 9, 2021 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Porter, Evertson, Coleman, and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: Brown. Also attending were Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Water Superintendent Sisk, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Quicke, Electric Superintendent Hinton, City Mayor Prunty and City Clerk/Treasurer 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 5:09 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion made by Coleman, seconded by Fossand to excuse absence of board member Brown. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Motion passed.

The Board of Public Works Chair Porter tabled the review of the Consent Agenda items until the March 9, 2021 meeting.

Porter opened discussion on the meter reads being called-in by residents. Utility Clerk/Office Manager Klassen present and advised board that 87 residents call in their own reads due to staff's inability to access yards due to dogs, locked gates and general inaccessibility. Of these, two are water the remainder are all electric. Discussion held on moving meters to the alley for ease of access, as well as, how to make the transition. Further discussion held on the price of the unit cost and financial burden to both residents and Public Works. Board discussed options to revisit remote reads for future upgrades. Direction given to Electric Superintendent and Water Superintendent to investigate prices for options to go with radio reads for the meters.

Porter opened discussion request from the Kimball Area Foundation to waive the labor and equipment fees for the water installation at the City dog park. Motion made by Evertson seconded by Fossand to waive fees for labor and equipment. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on approval for Wastewater Treatment Plant to purchase a Wipes ready Cutter system. Superintendent Quicke advised the Board of issues at the plant due to 'flushable' wipes and other items that are flushed that cannot be broken down by current equipment. Discussion held on budget restraints, Treasurer Brower

advised that the budgeted amount for new equipment was \$35,000 for new mixer. Quicke advised that he would prefer to use the budgeted funds for the Wipes Ready as it will extend the life of current mixers and be easier on the system as a whole. Motion made by Fossand seconded by Coleman to purchase Wipes Ready from Electric Pump for \$17,830.53. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Discussion held on upcoming power outages in town Friday March 12 and Monday March 15 full citywide shutdown while WAPA takes down substation for connections being made to windmill farm. Discussion held on needing to prepare residents and businesses with media release.

Porter opened discussion on updates on Power Plant repair needs. Working on quotes for repairs and coolant system; lots of water pressure issues and keeping the boiler where it needs to be. Radiator #2 is completely in disrepair, continuing to do maintenance and compile what is needed.

Discussion held on bid from Hays Roofing & Siding for Power Plant roof repair. Per Hays the proposal includes a 7 year warranty on leaks. Motion made by Evertson seconded by Coleman to approve roof repairs by Hays contingent upon updated proposal with written guarantee of the 7 year warranty. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed

Discussion held on Powertech bid for updating and repairs on two additional radiators at the Power Plant. No decisions made.

Porter opened discussion on approval and forwarding to Council the Meter Point Construction Agreement with High West for the installation of a secondary emergency feed for the City of Kimball. Motion made by Coleman, seconded by Evertson to recommend the Meter Point Construction to Council. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed

Porter opened discussion on the consideration of establishing a Director of Public Works position. Porter advised he looked into Ordinance 31.04 and within its reading has concerns that this position would eliminate the position of the Superintendents and creating a possible moral issue. Adding additional positions will add a burden to salary and cannot Coleman in agreement with Porter's points and has concerns of the financial burden Evertson added that additional salary for such position was not discussed during budget for the current fiscal year. Several concerns with the implementation of such position discussed. No recommendations made by the Board. Lack of a motion and second.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte advised the breakroom addition heat was completed and running as of this day. Otherwise, business as usual.

Water Superintendent Sisk advised the Board that the CDBG project has been delayed a bit on the State side otherwise is on track. Updates to the sampling of lead levels being looked on the State level and EPA requesting all systems have lead lined pipes located, listed and replaced in the future. Not enough information given at this time other than new rule will take place in 2023. Doors and windows being ordered for the well houses under the security grant awarded. Superintendent Sisk updated the Board on his resignation.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Quicke advised they are busy reading meters. Engineers who originally built the plant will be out to look at the clarifiers to help with plans moving forward.

Electric Superintendent Hinton advised they have been busy at the Power Plant with maintenance to the building and electrical. Service upgrades have been stalled due to the freezing weather. Region 21 had a meeting will let the City know when updated.

Move to close session by Evertson seconded by Coleman with invitation to Mayor Prunty and City Clerk/Treasurer Brower

Next regular meeting will be March 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.

Sonny Porter, Chairperson

Annette Brower, City Clerk