

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
March 09, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 2021 in the City Council Chambers 223 S Chestnut St. Board members Porter, Evertson, Coleman, Brown and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: None. Also attending were Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Quicke, Electric Superintendent Hinton, Water Department personnel Lance Winters and Casey Hottell, 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 5:04 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Evertson and seconded by Coleman to accept the consent agenda items as presented for February 2021. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Motion by Fossand and seconded by Coleman to un-table the consent agenda items from January 2021. Motion by Evertson and seconded by Coleman to accept the consent agenda items as presented for February 2021. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter invited Spud Rowley Kimball Recycling Center/KKB to present financials and updates. Quarterly updates on processes, 2021-2022 Nonprofit Corporation Biennial Report and the 2020 Profit and Loss statement reviewed.

Discussion held on bid for push camera and trailer jetter adjustments from Macqueen Equipment for the Water Department. Porter asked for ideas from the water department as to how pertinent the camera is to the department with budget constraints in mind. Casey Hottell advised that the current camera is broken and without the camera they are unable to find sewer taps; the department receives approximately five requests a month for sewer tap locating. Camera would also assist with determining the condition of pipes during maintenance and when breaks occur. Board requested further clarification on the quote as to the exact charge for the system with the pan tilt zoom camera. Direction given to the water department, no motion made.

Discussion held on bid for sewer jetter parts, hose and nozzle upgrades. Bid includes 600 feet of hose and will convert the jetter to being capable of accessing multiple size lines. Motion by Evertson and seconded by Fossand to purchase the Macqueen water jetter hoses and nozzles in the amount of \$2942.30. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on Power Plant updates. Electric Superintendent Hinton advised the board on the Cooper engine repairs made over the past week; Cooper is repaired and running. Crew has been working on the Cooper cooling tower on the roof and repairs made to configurations on the drainage to deter freezing pipes. Superior engines all have issues that need to be addressed.

Updated Plant roof repair bid by Hays Roofing & Siding was not discussed due to lack of an updated bid at the time of meeting.

Discussion held on Powertech proposal for the two radiators on the West side of building. Repair amount approximately \$180,000-\$190,000. No motion, no decisions made.

Discussion held on the report from Olsson Engineering for future updates needed at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Clarifiers will need to be refurbished in the future and Superintendent Quicke advised it's time to start looking at budgeting for expenses. Olsson engineering also looked at options for demolition of the old plant. City is looking at better securing the property and repairing fencing that surrounds the plant.

Water Department members Hottell and Winters advised the Board that they are continuing maintenance and have been out at the Cemetery with burials.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Quicke advised they are busy reading meters, continuing meter maintenance and will be installing the new wipe grinder in the next week.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte advised having issues with wire tier track, looking at replacing the track. Landfill is working on removing leachate and preparing to have more after upcoming snow storm.

Electric Superintendent Hinton advised they have been busy at the Power Plant with maintenance to the building and electrical, waiting on bid for fans at the Plant. Service upgrades have been stalled due to the manpower needed to repair the plant. Tree trimming will begin once weather warms up.

Discussion held on upcoming power outages in town Friday March 12 and Monday March 15 full citywide shutdown while WAPA takes down their substation for connections being made to windmill farm. Plant will begin warmup at approximately 5:30 a.m. for crossover at 7:00 a.m.

Next regular meeting will be April 13, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Coleman moved and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 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