

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on May 11, 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 Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Quicke, Electric Superintendent Hinton, Water Department personnel Casey Hottell, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Deputy Treasurer/Utility Office Manager Jean Klassen, 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 Coleman and seconded by Brown to accept the consent agenda items as presented for April 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 Troy Kurz Director of Facilities for Kimball Health Services to discuss the waiving landfill C & D fees for the disposal of construction debris from the demolition of the house located at 309 S Webster, Kimball for future use of a parking lot for the new hospital project. After discussions, motioned Coleman and seconded by Fossand to waive landfill C&D fees for the demolition of home at 309 S Webster, Kimball conditional upon proof of deed of ownership. 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 Tim Nolting with the Plains Historical Society to speak. Nolting requested waiver of landfill fees for small construction project at the old high school in the amount of approximately 3 cu yards. After discussions, Fossand moved and seconded by Brown to waive landfill C&D fees. 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 Troy Kurz Director of Facilities for Kimball Health Services to discuss the construction needs for utilities for the new hospital build. Discussion was informational only currently for support of build and for the City and BPW to be aware of upcoming needs for the hospital. No motions made.

Porter opened discussion on the Power Plant updates. Electric Superintendent Hinton advised the Board of the multiple repairs that are needed at the plant including a radiator rebuild for capability to run during the hot Summer months. Also, several repairs need to be made on engines and generators. Porter opened discussion on the Powertech bid on radiator repair. After discussions, the Board agreed that due to the high costs of the repairs a joint meeting planning session with City Council members will be necessary to determine expenditures needed in the near future. No decisions made.

Porter opened discussion on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant guidelines and permit signoff sheet. Superintendent Quicke advised the board of updated regulations and regulations changing soon with USEPA as well as NDEE. Guidelines will keep the City in compliance and cover liability issues. After discussions, Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to approve the new guidelines and permit signoff sheet. 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 a Landfill Waiver of Fees Policy. Discussion held on having interlocal agreements with other government entities that provide services for the community. Determination was to gather information and bring to a future planning session. No motion made.

Porter opened discussion the tapping fees, disconnect and reconnect fees. Discussions on the lack of policy and the need for a fee schedule. Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to direct staff and Superintendents to work on a list of all charges and fees current as well as provide a list of services offered at no charge along with a proposal of a requested fee structure for each service in all scenarios including overcharges for extended time and no-shows. 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 quotes for the 6-month trial proposal offered by Vision Metering. Moved by Brown and seconded by Fossand to approve trial proposal #198369 contingent upon the pilot program allowing for 3 phase units in the trial. 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 the floor for Superintendent updates:

Landfill Superintendent advised there are 17 dumpsters in Greeley being repaired and looking to have an additional 20 repaired. Vacuum pump needs replaced on the honey wagon.

Water Department Hottell advised they are working on water samples, service orders and preparing the pool for Summer.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent Quicke advised they are working on maintenance and working on upcoming testing for USEPA.

Electric Superintendent Hinton advised they have been busy helping with lots of upgrades to residential services. Power Plant roof still needs the roof trim repairs completed.

Next regular meeting will be June 08, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Coleman moved and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 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