

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
September 14, 2021

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2021, in the City Council Chambers 223 S Chestnut St. Board members Porter, Evertson, Coleman, Fossand and Brown were in attendance. Absent: None. Also attending were Wastewater Treatment Operator Wagner, Interim Admin./Electric Superintendent Hinton, Water Department Operator Casey Hottell and Lance Winters, 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 Evertson and seconded by Fossand to table the consent agenda items as presented for August 2021. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Brown, Fossand Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Discussion held on updates on the power territory updates from the State Power Review Board meeting and the transferring of High West Customers to the City of Kimball. Superintendent Hinton advised that the Power Review Board has accepted all items regarding the transferring of customers from High West and it is now between the City of Kimball and High West to determine the next steps moving forward. Hinton advised that they will need to work on easements as well as determining which powerline equipment will be relinquished to the city along with payment for infrastructure. Once all payments and infrastructure transfers occurred, the City will then be able to move on to installation of requested 3-phase electric to nearby property.

Porter invited Jerry Brown to speak regarding his thoughts on the current City of Kimball WWTP guidelines. Discussion held on the need for updated regulations to stay in line with NDEE and EPA. Brown spoke about his disappointment in having his 24/7/365 access to the WWTP taken away from him due to legal counsel decision not allowing anyone other than city employees on a municipality premises after business hours. After discussions, board member Coleman directed staff to confirm with legal counsel on any waiver of liability possibilities to allow for continued access. No further discussions had. No decisions made at this time.

Next regular meeting will be October 12, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Coleman moved and seconded by Evertson to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Sonny Porter, Chairperson

Annette Brower, City Clerk