

Board of Public Works  
Regular Meeting  
January 11, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:04 p.m. on January 11, 2022, at the Kimball Transit Center, 233 S Chestnut St. Board members Porter, Evertson, Coleman, and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: Brown. Also attending were Electric Superintendent Hinton, Water Department Operator Casey Hottell and Zac Gorfrey, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, City Treasurer Jean Klassen, and City Administrator 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 5:01 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Porter requested a motion to excuse the absence of board member Brown. Motion by Evertson and seconded by Colman to excuse Brown's absence. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed

Motion by Evertson and seconded by Coleman to approve the consent agenda items as presented for November 2021. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on Citizen Agenda Item – Dianne Pruet 3 phase to property at 3775 W. Highway 30, Kimball, NE. It was stated that the Easements were in place and were signed off by the State on January 10, 2022. Project is moving forward with engineers designing the upgrades needed.

Discussion was held regarding the State of NE Boiler Inspection. The boiler was down and did not pass inspection. Discussion was opened up on boiler bids for the power plant. Fossand recommended to table until more information was received, and that repair of the power plant was not a choice at this time. Evertson and Coleman agreed to wait to hear from MEAN to determine the money. No action was taken at this time.

The board received the Conceptual Opinion from Olsson Engineering. Informational only ahead of the WWTP study.

Porter opened the discussion to consider action on current WWTP dumping fees. It was recommended to increase the dumping fees. The last increase of dumping fees was in August 2005 from \$.02 to \$.05 a gallon. The WWTP is waiting on the rate studies. The board agreed to table the WWTP dumping fees until the rate study is received.

Porter opened the discussion to consider approving City Administrator Brower as an alternate to the NMPP Energy Members Council. Coleman motioned and seconded by Evertson to approve City Administrator Brower as an alternate to the NMPP Energy Members Council. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

The board received the MEAN proposed rate charges for FY 2022-2023. Porter recommended a small percentage increase at a time for the fixed income customers. No further discussion until rate studies are completed.

Electric Lineman Matthew Shoup presented the AMR Vision Metering update to the board. There will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> party company contracted to do the meter installation. Board recommended Council discuss the project and move forward on the bids provided.

Superintendent updates were not conducted.

City Administrator report was not given.

Next regular meeting will be February 8, at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

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Sonny Porter, Chairperson

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Jean Klassen, City Treasurer