

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
March 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:06 p.m. on March 8, 2022, at the Kimball Transit Center, 233 S Chestnut St. Board members Porter, Evertson, Coleman, Brown, and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: None. Also attending were Electric Superintendent Bill Hinton, Water Department Operator Casey Hottell, Landfill Superintendent Jim Schulte, WWTP Operator Blake Wagner, City Clerk Kim Barnwell, 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 5:05 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Fossand and seconded by Brown to approve the consent agenda items as presented for February 8, 2022. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Discussion was held on Citizen Agenda Item – Dianne and Jim Pruetts 3 phase to property at 3775 W. Highway 30, Kimball, NE. City Administrator Brower stated she had met with the Pruetts, and the project was moving forward. The boring was completed under Highway 30 and the survey was done. Paperwork has been forwarded to the City Attorney for the easements to be completed and signed. The next step will be the tree removal.

Porter opened the discussion and presentation from Pat Henry with Power Tech on the Power Plant options for the future. Pat Henry presented the board with proposed generators that would tie into the existing grid. The units would be stand alone and provide approximately 20 hours full load run time. The system as proposed would not be labor intense to operator. Pat Henry continued to comment on the existing Power Plant engines being aged and the cooling system needing replaced. A proposal was presented to the board.

Porter opened the discussion and presentation from Tyler Swaney with Exponential Engineering on existing electrical distribution system, future analysis of needs for electrical distribution and generation system evaluation. Tyler Swaney spoke on the Generation Assessment that would need to be conducted. He discussed the needs and factors involved in the assessment. Tyler Swaney told the board that he would submit a proposal with the next couple of weeks. The board discussed a joint meeting with the City Council to discuss the proposal and finalize.

Porter opened the discussion on the City water installation at the Cemetery. Water Operator Hottell said that the current water well at the Cemetery is pumping sand and causing issues with the sprinkler system. He recommended trenching a 4-inch water line from the water main on County Road 34 across to the Cemetery to replace the well issues. The Cemetery will be invoiced and could be installed once the ground thawed. The permit has been filed with the County for the next County Commissioners meeting. After discussion, motion by Evertson and seconded by Coleman to approve the Cemetery water main 4-inch line across the county road. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

The update from Kimball Recycling was tabled until the next meeting.

Porter opened the discussion to receive and approve bids on the Family Dollar Sewer Extension on Locust Street. Updated project bids from Hennings Construction and Brown Pump & Septic were received. After discussion, motion by Coleman and seconded by Evertson to approve the bid from Brown Pump and Septic for \$27,004.00 for the Family Dollar Sewer Extension on Locust Street. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened the floor for Superintendent updates.

Electric Superintendent Hinton updated that materials were still being waited on and the lack of materials may delay some projects. The Power Plant will be running on Thursday.

WWTP Operator Wagner updated that the East Channel Mixer has been installed and that the WWTP is looking at a new Ultrasonic Inflow Sensor.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte updated that the old trash truck is down due to the radiator. The electric motor on the bailer is also down. Dumpsters are ready to be sent off. The old house on Webster Street has been demolished and delivered to the landfill. The new door was installed at the Recycling Center today.

Water Operator Hottell updated that the Water Department spent time organizing a room in the shop and replaced a water leak on Webster Street.

City Administrator Brower updated that the 2022 fuel bids were locked in a few weeks ago and the quantity amount for the Power Plant was increased. She stated that the departments are ordering supplies that are available now for future use. Clean Harbors will be conducting a Development Agreement for the apartment complex lots purchased. Clean Harbors East is planning on a RV park on the additional property. The annexation proposal south of Interstate 80 is moving forward. She continued to update that the NMPP/MEAN rate studies are in process and that the WWTP study is being finalized. The Recycling Center wall has been repaired, the roof has been fixed and painting will be starting soon. City Administrator Brower stated that as soon as the PD remodel/update has been completed, the City Council Chambers will be available. She stated tentatively looking at April or May. The Air Force will be holding Public Hearings in the near future to

discuss the upcoming Missile project. Northrop Grumman plans to have a Business Liaison onsite as well to assist businesses with the registration process.

Next regular meeting will be April 12, at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand, Brown and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Sonny Porter, Chairperson

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk