

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
May 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:06 p.m. on May 10, 2022, at the City Council Chambers, 223 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, City Clerk Kim Barnwell, and City Treasurer Jean Klassen. 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 5:06 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Brown and seconded by Coleman to approve the consent agenda items as presented subject to amendment of minutes from April 12 and April 28, 2022, 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 there is a loose breaker that is down due to the snowstorm outage last week. He stated that the intraduct were completed on the Perry's property for the Pruett project. The transformer for the project has been received and as soon as the underground box for the transformer is received, it will be installed. He then stated that the new switch replacing the three way will be installed on the South side. Hinton stated that the intraduct was installed when the Cemetery project was in progress on County Road 39 to provide a sole line for the Cemetery in the future. The Family Dollar is waiting on the busing for the electricians to complete and estimated end of May, June for it to be received.

Water Operator Hottell updated that the Water Department had completed the Cemetery water line project but after the previous snowstorm, it was discovered that a valve had cracked. The Water Department has completed the repair as of today. Hottell then stated that the Pool would be the next project for the Water Department.

City Clerk Barnwell updated that the Landfill was slow at this time, that they were waiting on the dumpsters. She stated that the landfill would be moving the leachate after the snowstorm. Barnwell then stated that Superintendent Schulte had received an update from 5-Star in Greely stating the new dumpsters were being worked on.

Superintendent Hinton and Water Operator Hottell were asked by Porter to give an update on the AMRs. Both stated that they were waiting on the meters to be received. Hinton indicated that he would be in contact with the company for an update.

City Clerk Barnwell read the updates for City Administrator Brower in her absence. She updated that Gabe Ingram and Mike Coleman will meet with Brad Slaughter vice president of Piper Sandler financial this Wednesday evening to discuss financing and bonds for the new generation. The pre plan is to have a bond resolution ready for the May 17th council meeting as a combined utilities bond not to exceed 2.5 million dollars Brad Slaughter is aware of the timing issues as it pertains to design build and the additional 30-day bidding process; last week Administrator Brower, Mayor Prunty and Superintendent Hinton met with Tom, head of EEC Engineering, Tyler Swaney, city engineer from EEC and Pat Henry with Power tech to discuss the design build portion of the new generation. EEC engineering will also handle the bidding process. As this is a specialized project, they will reach out nationwide to contractors capable of tackling this rebuild; the auditors will be at the March 17th City Council meeting discussing the fiscal year 2020 through 2021 audit. Administrator Brower asked if one or two members of the Board of Public Works could be present. Rate studies are nearly completed and should have an update in June, just in time for budget. Administrator Brower met with lead contractor, Jeff Vaness on the hospital/old school demolition which is to begin first week of June. Discussion was held on the landfill regulations and separation of materials needed. Vaness Contractors have hired a demolition crew from the Denver area for the demo itself and will use Z and S for the transport of materials only. Just before demo begins, Administrator Brower and Superintendent Schulte will have a follow-up meeting with the demo crew and conduct a walkthrough to ensure landfill regulations are followed. Administrator Brower is currently working with a developer from Kansas City on a new commercial retail building that will be constructed this, Summer. They are in the initial process of Zoning and Re-Platt and as soon as it is completed, will begin discussions on the retail establishment and utility needs. Will update at the June meeting. Superintendent Bill and Administrator Brower Annette will be in Kearney next week for NMPP/MEAN Board meetings.

Next regular meeting will be June 14, at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 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