

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
July 12, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:10 p.m. on July 12, 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, Landfill Superintendent Jim Schulte, WWTP Operator Blake Wagner, City Administrator Annette Brower, 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 5:10 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Evertson and seconded by Coleman to approve the consent agenda items as presented for June 14, 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 Request – Dianne and Jim Pruet, 3775 W. Highway 30, Kimball, NE. Superintendent Hinton stated that the project was energized today and complete. Mr. and Mrs. Pruet also asked to have the transformer invoice reduced from \$14,799.47 to \$7,000.00. Superintendent Hinton stated the invoice was at wholesale price plus fifteen percent for supply items and disposal fees, etc. After discussion, Brown moved and seconded by Evertson to deny the reduce transformer invoice from \$14,799.46 and approve \$7,000.00 for transformer price. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand Brown, and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Discussion continued on Citizen Agenda Item Request – Dianne and Jim Pruet, 3771 W. Highway 30, Kimball, NE for time frame on the 3 Phase and transformer. Mrs. Pruet stated that the said property was now titled in the Pruet's name. Superintendent Hinton stated that he has reached out for quotes and that companies were two to three years for transformers. The additional Citizen Agenda Request concerning 3771 and 3775 W. Highway 30, Kimball, NE regarding height for the utilities poles was discussed. Superintendent Hinton stated that the clearance should not be an issue and that the electrician for the project would tell them exactly what they would need.

Discussion was held on Citizen Agenda Item Request – Tim and Dixie Smith, 3950 Road 30 South, Kimball, NE to provide an option for people who needed bulk water but not the 10,000 gallons. After discussion Coleman moved and seconded by Fossand to deny the request from Time and Dixie Smith to provide an option for people who needed bulk water

but not the 10,000 gallons. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand Brown, and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Coleman made the suggestion to direct staff to work on Resolution 2019-01 to change the bulk water wording to 10,000 gallons per month with a minimum charge. No action was taken, and staff will work on the resolution.

Porter opened discussion to Tyler Swaney with EEC to approve Generation Implementation Design Build Bid Proposal. Tyler Swaney discussed the proposal and answered questions. Fossand moved and seconded by Evertson to approve the General Implementation Design Build Bid Proposal for \$53,520.00. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand Brown, and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider tractor/loader bids for the WWTP. After discussion, Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand to approve the Kubota bid for the tractor/loader for approximately \$53,674.40. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, Fossand Brown, and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider Side-by-Side Bids for the WWTP. After discussion, the board decided to not approve the Side-by-Side bids for the WWTP and to put on hold to the next budget cycle. No action was taken.

Porter opened the floor for Superintendent updates.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte updated that ten new brown dumpsters are ready to be placed; West Elementary school house came in at 1,242,000.00 pounds for the second quarter for a total of 1,461,000.00 pounds. Schulte stated that the old trash truck's transmission is out and Norberg Motors has ordered a new one for at total of \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 with labor; Def Fluid may become an issue in the future due to shortage; Murphy was out, and loader is up and running and they are waiting on the rebuilt dumpsters still due to the supply chain and labor shortage.

WWTP Operator Wagner updated that the grinder motor is waiting on parts; Z & S was out for an estimate on the Old WWTP; Van Pelt's Fencing has started on the fence; ERA Labs audit is due on Friday. Wagner stated that the WWTP is operating on lower electricity with changes made.

Electric Superintendent Hinton updated that the Dollar Tree/Family Dollar is energized on limited power until other equipment is received; overhead on the West side will come down; Sapp Brothers will be out for testing on the PP diesel tanks; Scrap facility people will be advising on the process to remove materials for the new generator at the PP. He then stated that a capacity test will be conducted on August 3, 2022.

City Administrator updated for the Water Department that the Water AMRs are in, and modules are being shipped next week. The installation crew plans to be on site mid-August and will take approximately three months to complete installation.

City Administrator Brower began her updates with informing the board that budgets have begun; Clean Harbors has changed apartment complex plans from three complexes to two complexes and once the site plan is completed, more information on the sewer extensions will be available. Brower stated that the hospital is moving forward, and Baker & Associates are doing the inspections. She then stated that the Dog Park is in early stages of getting water accessible; August 2 is the Air Force Public Hearing and encourage all to attend if any questions or comments regarding the project; sales tax is up again by approximately forty percent. Brower concluded her updates with rate studies being completed and that NMPP would be present at the August 9 BPW meeting.

Next regular meeting will be August 9, at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Brown moved and seconded by Coleman to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 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