

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
August 9, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:02 p.m. on August 9, 2022, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members Evertson, Coleman, and Brown were in attendance. Absent: Porter and Fossand. Also attending were Electric Superintendent Bill Hinton, Landfill Superintendent Jim Schulte, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, Water Operator Casey Hottell, 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. BPW board member Evertson called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

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

Motion by Brown and seconded by Coleman to approve the consent agenda items as presented for July 12, 2022. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, and Brown. Nay: None. Absent: Porter and Fossand. Motion passed

Discussion was held on Citizen Agenda Item Request from Jeff Anderson for 3 Phase Power located at 3246 RD 49 E., Kimball, NE. Mr. Anderson was present and told the board that it was going where the old car wash was and would begin building in February 2023. Superintendent Hinton stated that the only issue would be delays on receiving the transformer. After discussion, Brown moved and seconded by Coleman to approval the agenda request item from Jeff Anderson for 3 Phase Power located at 3246 RD 49 E., Kimball, NE. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, and Brown. Nay: None. Absent: Porter and Fossand. Motion passed

Evertson opened the floor to Andrew Ross from NMPP to discuss the Rate Studies. Mr. Ross stated that the rate studies were recommendations only at this time. After discussion, Mr. Ross recommended that the Electric Department do an internal loan of two million dollars to departments to decrease the deficits in the revenue and make a rate increase less drastic to the customers for the Water and Sewer Departments. He stated that this has been done by many municipalities and shows that each utility department is being self-sufficient. It would be especially important to be sure everything is documented and that the departments would repay the Electric Department back over a period of five, ten or twenty years. After discussion, the board directed staff to research more on loaning

the one million dollars each to Water and Sewer for a total of two million dollars over a ten year period. They also asked that staff check on the legality and the needed documentation.

Evertson opened the discussion on the approval request to the Council for the tractor/loader for the WWTP. Supervisor Wagner stated that Sandberg's Implements had the tractor in stock, and it was ready to go. The price increased to \$54,632.37. Wagner then inquired about the funds that purchased the landfill tractor prior and the board asked that the information be looked up on the purchase for the next meeting. Coleman motioned and seconded by Brown to approve the requested be forwarded to the City Council for the approval to purchase the tractor/loader for \$54, 632.37. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, and Brown. Nay: None. Absent: Porter and Fossand. Motion passed

Evertson opened the discussion on the NDEE C & D Inspection Update. City Administrator Brower stated that the inspection was returned with no violations.

Evertson opened the discussion on the EED Power Plant Build Update. City Administrator Brower stated that the information provided was for information only. The Power Plant Build is moving forward, and that EEC received two bids on the Geotech. The surveyors would be on site in about two weeks and that she would update the board at the next meeting.

Evertson opened discussion on the approval of the Amended Resolution 2019-01 with the amended water rates as directed from the board. Coleman motioned and seconded by Brown to approve the Amended Resolution 2019-01 for the amended water rates. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, and Brown. Nay: None. Absent: Porter and Fossand. Motion passed

City Administrator Brower stated that the budget would not be discussed beings there were two members absent.

Evertson opened the discussion on the joint budget meeting workshop date scheduled for August 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. All board members agreed to the joint budget meeting workshop. City Administrator Brower suggested a Budget Workshop prior to the joint budget workshop. All board members agreed to have the BPW Budget Workshop on August 23, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Evertson opened the floor for Superintendent updates.

Water Operator Hottell stated that the department was keeping busy with reading meters, water leaks and overflowing the tank with fresh water.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte updated that the old trash truck was up and going; the track loaders have been serviced and repaired. He stated that twenty dumpsters were repaired and painted in July; the hospital contractor brought in fourteen loads of concrete along with extra dirt that was being used for daily cover; Johnson Construction is also

bringing in dirt which is being used as daily cover. Schulte stated that the landfill is short two men and that James Lockwood has retired, and one man is out on leave. WWTP Supervisor Wagner updated that there was 4.3 million gallons treated in July; the fence was installed; the grinder has been installed and the compressor has now failed. Wagner stated that there was oil by-product at the plant from the power plant run; no septic dumps for July and that the septic total is at \$2,000.00.

Electric Superintendent Hinton updated that he will be attending the NMPP Board meetings next week which they will be discussing the new generation; the Power Plant passed the recent surge test; Sapp Brothers have tested the fuel tanks at the power plant and there were no concerns at this point. He stated that the department is working on service upgrades and that he is continuing communication with VISION.

City Administrator updated that Olsen Engineering will be on-site August 17 regarding the WWTP study which is in two parts, now and the expansion. She will be attending the NMPP Board meeting August 17 and 18. She stated that the water meters and modules are in and that installers will begin installation September 6. She continued to state that the Electric meters are coming in as well and hopes that the installers can install both while in Kimball. She stated that she is hoping to have the AMR system up and running around Christmas time. She stated that the Air Force Public Hearings are complete, and they are anticipating shovels in the ground in 2024.

Next regular meeting will be September 13 at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Coleman moved and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Coleman, Evertson, and Brown. Nay: None. Absent: Porter and Fossand. Motion passed

Deb Evertson, Board Member

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk