

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:04 p.m. on September 13, 2022, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members Porter, Evertson, Coleman, and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: Brown. 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. Chairperson Porter called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Porter opened that the absence of Brown was excused, and no action was taken

Motion by Evertson and seconded by Fossand to approve the consent agenda items as presented for August 9, August 23, and August 30, 2022. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion with Douglas Loudon, Civil Engineer with Olsson Engineering who present the WWTP Preliminary Report. Mr. Loudon stated that state funding was available with the PR report and Grant/Loan funding through WEWAC was also an option. Mr. Loudon discussed the options presented in the report. After discussion, motion by Fossand and seconded by Coleman to recommend to the City Council to go forward with upgrades to the WWTP per the Olsson Engineering Preliminary Report which would include costs from Table 4-1, Costs for Recommended Repairs to Existing Systems and Table 4-2 for Alternative Conceptual Costs as an added option for a total of \$4,338,000.00. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on Citizen Agenda Item Request from Dianne Pruett on approval for the 3phase at 3771 W. Highway 30. City Administrator Brower stated that this was never officially approved once the said property was purchased by the Pruetts. Motion by Evertson and seconded by Coleman to approve the 3phase installation at 3771 W. Highway 30, Kimball, NE. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on the Citizen Agenda Item Request from Dianne Pruett on notification when the transformer is received for 3771 W. Highway 30. Chairperson Porter

informed Ms. Pruetz that they would be notified as soon as the City as an update on when the transformer will be available. He stated that it could be anywhere from two to three years.

Porter opened discussion on implementing a Schedule of Fees for Upgrades and New Construction. City Administrator Brower stated that she wanted the board to be aware that she will soon be presenting a Schedule of Fees for Upgrades and New Construction for new businesses. It will be a detailed process that needs to be in place to help cover the costs of the new construction that will be happening in the near future.

Porter opened the floor for Superintendent updates.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte updated that they replaced the screen filters on the hydraulics on the baler; repairs were done on the honey wagon; twelve dumpsters were repaired and painted and after running the screener, they added a slide to the kick out to filter out the waste paper. He stated that one of the landfill operator positions was filled and that interviews could be conducted in the next couple of weeks for the trash truck driver position.

WWTP Supervisor Wagner updated that on September 3, the plant one leg of line power causing the transfer switch to fail. Without power, the alarm was not sent to the on call operator; purchased of power supply battery backup for phone and internet capabilities. On August 12, the independent lab verification was received, and all was expectable; August 23 the blower option was updated on the control panel. Wagner then stated that on September 9, the WWTP was notified for Non-Compliance per the State from the oil being release from the Power Plant; extra testing was performed, and no further action was needed. State informed WWPT Supervisor Wagner that this was not to happen again.

Water Operator Hottell updated that the Water Department has repaired the broken curb stobs on Webster; been painting fire hydrants and are waiting to receive the results from the well efficiency test. He stated that the would be flooding tanks within the next two weeks and that the August water samples were good.

Electric Superintendent Hinton updated that the department was in the process of separating scrap; the PP Generation testing will be tomorrow at 9 a.m.; he will be meeting with Tyler with EEC Engineering regarding the air permit team and moving forward. He stated that Power Plant issues happened when no personal was onsite; the hoses on #2 engine came off. He then reminded the board that there was no heat for radiation on the engines for wintertime and would be looking into replacing heater tape and purchasing magnetic heaters.

City Administrator updated that KTech and Olsson Engineering are moving fast on many projects and will be bringing them on the PP Generation project as well. They will begin working on the Economic Impact Study to assist with state funding; upcoming fee schedules; WWTP funding requests; Blight Study; Comprehensive Plan and many more projects. She stated that the McElroy subdivision will have the preliminary plat for the

upcoming subdivision in thirty to sixty days. She concluded her update with Northrup Grumman should be issuing a letter of intent to the City very soon.

Next regular meeting will be October 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Sonny Porter, Chairperson

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk