

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
November 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:04 p.m. on November 8, 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, Electric Lineman Taylor Brown, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, WWTP Operator AJ Roberts, 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.

Motion by Evertson and seconded by Fossand to approve the consent agenda items as presented for October 11, 2022 with one correction on the meeting minutes, page 1, last paragraph. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter, Brown and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened a discussion on recommendations from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Engineering Services Evaluation Committee on RFQs for WWTP. Randy Kirkpatrick with KTech Project Services was attending via zoom and spoke to the board. Randy stated that the RFQs were advertised, and he reached out to a few firms to make them aware. The committee met and evaluated the submittals. The recommendation from the WWTP Engineering Services Evaluation Committee was Olsson Engineering. After discussion from the board, motion by Coleman and seconded by Fossand to accept and approve the recommendation from the WWTP Engineering Services Evaluation Committee of Olsson Engineering and to forward the recommendation to the City Council. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter, Brown and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion and approval on a 4 Spool Reel Trailer purchase for the Electric Department. Electric Lineman Brown informed the board of the particulars on the trailer purchase and City Administrator Brower stated that the trailer was in the budget. After discussion, motion by Evertson and seconded by Brown to recommend to City Council approval on purchase of the 4 Spool Reel Trailer from Sauber Manufacturing for \$81,327.00. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter, Brown and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened the floor for Superintendent updates.

WWTP Operator Roberts updated that the efficiency test and other tests were all average and staying the same. He then stated that WWPT Supervisor Wagner had an early call out the night prior with an alarm and there was a motor failure. They were able to improvise and hope that the fix will allow them to continue without having to have twenty-four coverage at the plant.

Water Operator Hottell updated that the parts for the well were being shipped out and that the new installation for the north pump will be week after next. He continued to state that the new water meter installations were on pause for electric installs.

Electric Superintendent Hinton updated that they are working on the Hospital and High School feed change over; the Electric new meter installations were going very well, and the company should be completed on Thursday.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte was not available, and City Administrator updated that the twenty rebuilt green dumpsters were ready to be placed; eleven brown dumpsters were repaired and painted; The new refuge driver is almost ready to be turned lose and doing very well. She continued that the old refuge trucks hydraulic pump was going to need replaced at \$1,700.00 plus labor; the bumper pull trailer is being built and the side by side should be delivered the end of December.

City Administrator Brower updated that the Recycle Glass Packs are moving, and the wall will be removed; VISION will be finishing up on the electric installs and will schedule to return in the spring to continue the water meter installs. Olsson Engineering is onsite testing fire hydrants; the subdivision is moving forward. She continued with the Planning Commission will be working on subdivision regulations, the BLIGHT Study, and the COMP Study; the military is projecting July of 2023 to begin construction and she will be in Omaha Wednesday and Thursday to attend the Gaming Commission meeting.

Next regular meeting will be December 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Brown moved and seconded by Evertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Porter, Brown and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Sonny Porter, Chairperson

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk