

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:02 p.m. on February 14, 2023, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members Porter, Evertson, Cederburg and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: Brown. Also attending were Electric Superintendent Bill Hinton, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, Landfill Superintendent Jim Schulte, 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 5:02 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Fossand and seconded by Evertson to approve the consent agenda items as presented including minutes for January 10, 2023. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on agenda item request from KIM5, LLC, Matt Gibbs on Electrical Service Upgrades. The developer is requesting waiver of city costs. After discussion, motion by Evertson and seconded by Cederburg to deny the agenda item request from KIM5, LLC, Matt Gibbs on Electrical Service Upgrades where the developer is requesting waiver of city costs. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on approval of resolutions for Water and Sewer Rates Increases. Motion by Cederburg and seconded by Fossand to approve Resolution 2023-05 for the Sewer Rate Increase. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Motion by Cederburg and seconded by Evertson to approve Resolution 2023-06 for the Water Rate Increase subject to corrections on date of repeal. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion on the power plant leaks and equipment repair needs. Electric Superintendent Hinton stated that there is no heat and no boiler that is working. They have attempted to weld a few of the leaks and Power Plant Nate Lousberg is working on trying to fix some of the leaks. He stated it would not be able to perform the annual yearly

testing in June. The board agreed that the crews had to consider the safe factor and the liability involved.

Porter opened discussion on approval or denial on the expenses related to repairs for the Power Plant leaks. After discussion, motion by Fossand and seconded by Evertson to deny the expenses related to repairs for the Power Plant leaks. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion for approval on invoice from WECO for \$50,076.00 for reels and supplies for the electric department. Motion by Evertson and seconded by Cederburg to approve the invoice from WECO for \$50,076.00 for reels and supplies for the electric department. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Porter opened the floor for Superintendent updates.

Electric Superintendent Hinton updated that the department was keeping up with the bigger projects; they were waiting on the electricians to complete the high school project; the hospital was back on temporary power; and there are seven or eight upgrades needing done and will be completed once the ground thaws.

Water Operator Hottell updated that the North well is back in the ground; the VFD went into default and was waiting on repairs and there was a water leak on Locust Street the previous weekend that has been repaired.

WWTP Supervisor Wagner updated the things were running well. The January summary was in the packet. The grinder and compressor have been installed; they are changing basement light bulbs to LED; and he is working on the cyber security at the plant.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte updated that the city staff will be pulling the storm water runoff samples and sending off for testing; 24 old dumpsters were hauled to be refurbished; 22 new dumpsters arrived and ready to be placed; the side by side would not be received until after July 2023; the dump truck was taken to Norberg's for repairs and the old trash truck is up and running. He continued to state that the southeast door at the landfill has been replaced; the road going to the MSW pit is in the process of being repaired due to the weather and there are more requests for recycling dumpsters.

Water Operator Hottell updated that the new Dollar General grocery store now has water service; they are assisting Olsson & Associates on locating the manhole lids for the survey and the north well is up and running. He is in the process of getting two clear tests for the state to clear.

City Administrator Brower updated that the water study is near completion; there are three potential housing developments; next month the WWTP proposal will be completed from Olsson; NMPP will present the Landfill rate studies. She inquired about drafting a MOU with the Recycle Center; the Air Force/Department of Defense trip was great and very informative; and next week she will be Lincoln for the Legislative Committee Hearings.

Porter requested a motion to approve an unexcused absence of BPW member Brown. Motion by Fossand and seconded by Cederburg to approve an unexcused absence of BPW member Brown. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be March 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. There being no further business, Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: Brown. Motion passed.

Sonny Porter, Chairperson

Kim Barnwell, City Clerk