Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
May 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00pm on May 9th, 2023, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members, Cederburg, Evertson, Robinson and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: None. Also attending were Electric Superintendent Bill Hinton, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, WT Casey Hottell, City Engineer Randy Kirkpatrick, City Clerk Paula Tarango, City Treasurer Jean Klassen, and City Administrator Annette Brower. 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 city 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 convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Gregg Fossand called the meeting to order at 5:02pm and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Evertson and seconded by Cederburg to approve the consent agenda items as presented including minutes for April. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Robinson and Evertson Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

Motion by Cederburg seconded by Robinson to accept the resignation of the BPW Chair Sonny Porter. Per Cederburg he regrets having to accept it due to the amazing job he did and all of Porter's hard work and dedication is much appreciated. The following votes were recorded: Aye, Fossand, Cederburg, Evertson and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

Motion by Fossand seconded by Greg to Nominate and elect Jim Cederburg as the new BPW Chair. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Cederburg abstained from his vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Cederburg seconded by Evertson to approve the following agenda items all at once; Remove Sonny Porter from bank cards, Approve Greg Robinson's signature on bank cards, Approve Paula Tarango signature on bank cards. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Evertson, and Robinson. Absent: Porter, Nay: None, Robinson abstained from his vote. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Fossand to approve the Kubota side-by-side for Landfill, and changing to new bid for a Honda due to backorder supply chain issues. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Evertson, Robbinson. Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion Carried.

Motion by Robinson seconded by Fossand to approve the bid from Johnson's Construction for the water department well house door replacement/installation. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened discussion on agenda item of discussion on approval of bids for the recycling center. The board made an executive decision to table the topic due to lack of specs on the bids and have contractors resubmit the bid for decision once there is clarification on the requirements from the recycling center manager. The board will re-visit the conversation during the next BPW meeting. All agreed. (Discussion only)

Andrew Ross (NMPP) presented the studies and refuse rates for the landfill. This was a presentation to update the board/public on where they are. Andrew opened questions for the public (The public was represented)

Motion by Evertson seconded by Robinson to discuss and recommend for approval of City Council the Resident Project Representative Duties addendum to the Olsson Letter of Agreement for Services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Porter. Motion carried.

Douglas Louden from Olsson Engineering presented the board members with the wastewater collection system preliminary engineering report as well as the water preliminary engineering report (Drafts). Louden opened for comments. (The public was represented) Presentation/discussion only.

Motion by Robinson seconded by Evertson to Discuss and recommend to Council for approval of the mayor's signature on the NMC Stipulated Price Agreement and General Conditions for power generation contract. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent. Porter. Motion carried.

Brad Hans – NMPP MEAN held a power point presentation on services and agreements. Covered the company's history, resources, goals, pricing, and vision. Hans opened for questions to the board. The public was represented. (Presentation/discussion only)

Superintendent updates – Blake Wagner opened by sharing that the new mower was delivered. Once the weather improves, he will be able to utilize it. Wagner gave additional updates.

Jim Schulte gave an update on the May 2023 report. Covered multiple updates including the success of the scrap tire clean up, murphy tractor rebuilt, permitting process, and others.

William Hinton opened a discussion on on-going upgrades in his department. William met with a solar power representative and drove through town for potential spots for solar power structure. He spoke about the scrap radiator, and the options of selling it so they do not have to physically remove it, putting on the market might be an option. Additional updates provided.

Craig Aragon gave an update, his department is working on getting the 2 (two) wells ready for the summer hours, they are putting together booster pumps, hydrants, valves are being reviewed for any defectiveness, leaks, and malfunctions.

Next regular meeting will be June 13, 2023 at 5:00pm. There being no further business, Evertson motioned and seconded by Fosssand to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. The following votes were recorded. AYE: Fossand, Cederburg, Porter, Evertson, Robinson. NAY: None. Motion passed.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson Paula Tarango, City Clerk