Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00pm on July 11th, 2023, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members, Cederburg, Evertson, Robinson, Janicek and Fossand were in attendance. Absent: None. Also attending were Electric Superintendent Bill Hinton, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, Water Superintendent Craig Aragon, 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.

Jim Cederburg called the meeting to order at 5:01pm and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Robinson and seconded by Evertson to withdraw the minutes from the June 13 meeting and fix two issues on 1st and 2nd page prior to approval. The following votes were recorded; Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson to approve minutes after corrections are made. The following votes were recorded; Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson to approve consent agenda items as one. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Cederburg welcomed new board member Austin Janicek. Oath of office implemented by Cederburg at 5:07. The entire board participated by welcoming their newest member, Janicek.

Scott Keene, the Managing Director of Public Finance Piper Sandler opened discussion on bonding for Power Generation and upcoming infrastructure projects. Keene provided various models on bond options. Stated that he will be attending the City Council meeting coming up on July 18th to explain the above-mentioned a bit further and the meeting of August 15 to hopefully present it once more and get it approved. This was a discussion/presentation only. No action was taken. The public was represented.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Evertson to approve discuss Pro Forma and approve the **Resolution 2023-10 for Landfill Rate changes (2023**). The following votes were recorded; Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent. None. Motion carried.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Fossand to discuss Pro-Forma and approve the **Resolution 2023-11 for Landfill Rate changes (2024)** The following votes were recorded: Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent. None. Motion carried.

Motioned by Robinson, seconded by Fossand to appoint board member Cederburg to the Kimball Recycling Center Board. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Fossand, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent. None. Motion carried.

Water superintended presented the board members with a copy of the 2022 Annual Water Quality Report as well as a quick presentation/discussion on the status. Per Aragon, numbers are looking good, after we had the main water line break, they were able to clean the main pipe and we also had the routine chlorine sanitation, and our drinking water is great. Discussion only. No action taken. The public was represented.

City Administrator Brower provided a DRAFT copy of the 2023-2024 budget sheets. Brower shared that it is only a draft review due to waiting on parts, orders, and additional information/numbers from multiple departments.

Superintendent Reports –

Electric department Supervisor William Hinton, the pillars were finally removed, and we want to thank Z and S for hauling them away with their equipment. City Administrator Brower thanked the electric department for trying to do it on their own but unfortunately there was no way their small machinery was going to lift pillars of that size. Hinton stated that his crew assisted the water department with the chlorination process. The metal is also ready to be hauled off, just need to call the company to come get them.

Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte: The pump on the Case tractor is malfunctioning, it is currently in the shop being worked on. The vacuum pump was replaced last year. Schulte gave additional issues that the tractor is having. The track loader will be back this week from murphy tractor. The landfill staff will be trained for the Storm Water Prevention Plan. Additional updates were given.

Water Superintendent Craig Aragon: We want to thank Bill from the electric department for helping us with the concrete job, it has been poured, they also assisted us when the pool lost power on the South wall so thank you Bill. We will start meter reads tomorrow. We've also had to fix a few valves throughout the city due to malfunctioning and most of them are very old. Brower stated that they might budget for new valves since they have not been replaced in years.

WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, we had our kickoff meeting with Olsson Engineering for plant upgrades, we are getting ready for all of that. In the past two weeks we've had a couple of power failures that caused the water wells to fail so we've been dealing with that. Continuous grounds maintenance with so much rain we've had.

City Administrator Brower, everyone is busy. I am currently crunching numbers for budget. The Annexation for the Nicola property has been approved and finalized.

Still working on Vision and troubleshooting it, waiting on a very small part that has been taking quite some time to get here, it will probably be fixed in a week or two. I am hoping to have everything dialed in by the beginning of August.

Next regular meeting will be August 8th, 2023, at 5:00pm. There being no further business, Robinson motioned and seconded by Evertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 pm. The following votes were recorded. AYE: Fossand, Janicek, Cederburg, Evertson, Robinson. NAY: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson Paula Tarango, City Clerk