Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
October 10, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:30pm on October 12th, 2023, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members, Cederburg, Robinson, and Janicek were in attendance. Absent: Evertson and Fossand. Also attending were Electric Superintendent Bill Hinton, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, and City Administrator Annette Brower.

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 4:33 pm and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Janicek to excuse the absence of board members Evertson and Fossand. Board members had further discussion about board member Greg Fossand resigning from the Board of Public Works board, they will have an official line item on the next BPW agenda. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Janicek, Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson and Fossand. Motion carried.

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

Carol Brehm – NMPP Energy – presented and updated everyone on the Service M Contract. Brehm went into detail regarding the modernization of the MEAN Service Schedule M Contract. Board members and the public participated by asking

questions and adding comments. Per Brehm, there will be the final presentation in the November council meeting. Discussion only. No action taken.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Janicek to approve the Mayor's signature on Revision No 1. Exhibit A, B and E to the WAPA Firm Electric Service Contract No. 14-RMR-2559. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Janicek, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Evertson and Fossand. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened discussion on the consideration of making changes to the MOU between Kimball Recycling Center and the City of Kimball. Per Cederburg, there have been multiple conversations and meetings to continuously work on the agreement. Going forward, quarterly reports will be expected from the management team at the recycling center. Additional comments and questions from board members and public. Discussion only. No action taken.

Annette Brower opened discussion on the Electrical Master Plan proposal from Olsson Engineering. Jacob Bradley was scheduled to present the plan during the meeting but due to an unexcepted schedule change he was unable to attend. Brower suggested board members to start reviewing the document, reading it and understanding it better for future decisions on changes/updates on such. Discussion only. No action taken.

Superintendent Reports –

Water superintendent Craig Aragon was absent. No report provided.

WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner: Plant is running well. AJ is attending training this week. Diffuser cleaning happened in September; everything went well with that. We cleaned the mixer today after fixing a broken cable on it.

Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte: Had Norberg replace the radiator on the trash truck. The radiator on the landfill pick up was also replaced. Both radiators came apart at the bottom seams. The MSW landfill received 1,129,800 lbs. last quarter. The C&D landfill received 320,250 lbs. last quarter. Additional updates provided.

Electric Superintendent William Hinton: Another hospital shutdown will be happening within the next few days to continue working on the electrical project, waiting on locates now, the old radiator has been torn down and it opened a lot of space at the power plant. The electric side on VISION seems to be going well, we will be installing taller poles to improve signal at gateway locations. Additional updates given.

Electric Supervisor William Hinton: Crews are busy working on Farmers Day request for receptacles for vendors, etc. They are working on service upgrades as needed. Emissions test at Power Plant will occur late in the week, they will get the temp up and then record the emissions reading.

City Administrator Brower: currently working on extending the height of the VISION gateways by installing taller poles. We have made great strides on fixing billing and meter issues on the water side thanks to the crews and inside staff, we've been able to troubleshoot and work closely with VISION staff to better understand the issues. The water tank chlorination this month has been a bit of a concern for the public and Brower will be speaking on the radio to explain the routine process of such. Will be meeting with UNL within a couple of days to discuss the traffic study that they offered to do for free on 2nd and Chestnut for the possibility of a 4 way stop. Excited that the city of Kimball saved some money there.

Next regular meeting will be November 14th, 2023, at 5:00 pm. There being no further business, Robinson motioned and seconded by Janicek to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 pm. The following votes were recorded. AYE: Janicek, Cederburg, Robinson. NAY: None. Absent: Evertson and Fossand. Motion passed.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson City Clerk