Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00pm on February 13h of 2024, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members, Cederburg, Robinson, and Evertson were in attendance. Also attending were Electric Supervisor William Hinton, Water Superintendent Craig Aragon, Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, City Treasurer Jean Klassen, City Administrator Annette Brower, and City Clerk Paula Tarango.

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 5:00 pm and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Evertson to excuse the absences of board members Janicek and Carlson. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Robinson, Evertson, and Cederburg. Nay: None. Absent: Janicek and Carlson. Motion carried.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Evertson to approve the consent agenda items as one which include minutes, bills, Treasurer's report, and the financial report. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson and Janicek. Motion carried.

Doug Louden from Olsson Engineering joined the meeting via ZOOM and presented a review of the WWTP upgrade project. Board members participated by asking questions and making comments. Discussion only, no action taken.

Superintendent Reports –

William Hinton – Electric Department – Just finished all the electrical set up at the new car wash, just waiting on them to wrap it all up. We are done at the Stahla RV Park, there is a total of 25 new trailers. They are currently leveling up additional spots for new trailers. The iron scrap that was left over is now gone, the crew took the metal pile to the landfill, and we are currently working on renovating the shop.

Craig Aragon – Water Department – They are in the middle of meter reading; the generator will be delivered at the end of April and not sooner than we had expected. We had a big meeting with Vision regarding gateway issues and learned quite a lot of new information including a new system that will tremendously improve our issues, we were assured by the president of the company that there will be better communication between our meters and the gateways once we implement it, we will be installing the new system in the beginning of March 2024. The president of Zenner sent a new tester, the one we were using was an old one and they replaced it, this also helped with our issues.

Jim Schulte – Landfill – The mast on the refuge truck has been rebuilt by Prestige. The new and rebuilt dumpsters have been delivered and are being placed. The staff is repairing dumpsters as they come in. Looking into scales and the best fit for Kimball. Looking into trash trucks replacement. Exhaust filter plugging off on refuge truck, it is scheduled to go in for repairs next week.

Annette Brower – City Administrator – The electric plant project is at a 65% submittal and things are moving along quickly. Our staff had a meeting with Vision, and we discussed the "Mesh-Network" system with the president of the company, this will help with the communication between meters, our electric department also installed a taller pole at the cemetery, these two items will definitely help and improve the communication between meters and gateways and minimize reading issues. The Clean Harbors (7th Street apartments) are starting to do grading, surveyors will be here next week to survey sewer extensions. Plans have been submitted for the subdivision South of Interstate 80. Everyone is busy, business as usual, things are going well. Additional updates provided.

Next regular meeting will be March 12, at 5:00 pm. There being no further business, Evertson motioned and seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 5:23pm. The following votes were recorded. AYE: Cederburg, Robinson, and Evertson, NAY: None. Absent: Carlson and Janicek. Motion passed.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson City Clerk