Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
May 14, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00pm on April 9, 2024, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members, Carlson, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, and Robinson were in attendance. Also attending were Electric Supervisor William Hinton, Water Superintendent Craig Aragon, Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, City Administrator Annette Brower, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, City Clerk Paula Tarango, City Treasurer Jean Klassen. Members of the public were also present.

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 Evertson, seconded by Janicek 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 Calrson, Robinson, and Janicek. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Doug Louden with Olsson – Overall review of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation, briefly walked through the plan. Think of these as blueprints, it is important to review again prior to the start of construction/project.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Carlson to approve the recommendation to City Council for approval of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation plans and Specifications. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Doug Louden – Review and discussion on future projects, needed infrastructure upgrades and USDA loan options. Sewer – presented funding packages and options by WWAC and conducted an overview of those packets. Water – Overview of various funding options and packages from WWAC. There are currently no grants available for water. Discussion only, no action taken.

Cederburg opened discussion on reviewing and updating all service fees. They have not been updated in two years. Per Cederburg – inflation has affected everything; we might be looking at a 17% increase. Looking at the inflation in the last 3 years that's what it comes up to. Everything across the board. Discussion only, no action taken.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Evertson to approve the bid(s) for transformers for the 7th Street apartments and invoice billing per Ordinance and development agreement. Per City Administrator Brower, the total $33,448.23, the following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

City Administrator Brower opened a discussion on landfill commercial rates for County entities/businesses. There has been a lot of contention since the city took billing over the county along with our rate increase. Nothing has changed on our side; we are simply billing County customers now. There are some business entities that are in the County that we will need clarification on. The city charges according to the interlocal agreement between the County and the city. We have it in place per State Statue. The legal counsel is on board, we are doing everything according to Statue.

City Administrator Brower opened discussion on The Dix Village landfill use changes and future rates to Dix residents. Dix village has decided to no longer work with Kimball, they are taking their trash to Sidney. They don't have a MOU or contract. The City of Kimball has discontinued billing the Village of Dix for their trash. We are still billing the school in Potter because that is considered County. Residents are unhappy, unfortunately Kimball has no control over that. We must make it known,

should a Dix resident come to our landfill they will be charged because they are no longer being billed for access to our landfill. Discussion only, no action taken.

Mark Miller Dix Resident – Is there something in the future that we can work with Kimball? There is a handful of Dix residents that don't want to go to Sidney. Many residents are not happy with how the Dix board is handling business. Is there an option for an agreement with Kimball in the future? Board member Robinson, this can be discussed further. There are many details that we need to figure out such as fees and processes. Per Evertson, the same process must be implemented for everyone. City Administrator Brower, A legal document might be the only option to get this executed. Per Board Member Cederburg something like a Memorandum of understanding. Brower has been in contact with The Village of Dix. The public was represented. Discussion only, no action taken.

Connor withy Pack-Rat – The business is suffering from all of this. It is being charged in addition to all the rates mentioned above. Gering is cheaper. Per Board Member Cederburg, they are willing to work on this to find a solution for everyone. Discussion only, no action taken.

City Administrator Brower opened a discussion on Bushnell Village landfill potential MOU and rates. – The city is currently charging Bushnell the same rates; we don't have an MOU in place. The board should possibly think about creating and putting it in place down the road. If we put something in place with Dix, then Bushnell should also be included. Discussion only, no action taken.

Kimball Citizen Scott Noah to request payment on the Stahla RV Park invoice for digging for water leak. Per Cederburg, Ordinance States that it is the citizen's responsibility to pay for such. Discussion only, no action taken.

Business owner Don Muench – Muench Electric opened a discussion on TT'S Pub for overhead service. At the beginning of this project, it was estimated that the service needed was going to be 400 AMPS. Throughout the construction of the project, we found 200 amps will be sufficient. We are not increasing the service demand; can we go overhead to cut down on the cost to supply the building with power. Due to the cost of this project getting out of control, we are asking if we

could possibly consider or please get a Variance to drop the 200amp service to the location where we set our own meter panel and put a two-hundred-amp service to supply both sides instead of having to go underground as Ordinance states. The cost difference is in the 20 plus thousand-dollar range. A riser can be put in place and the cost would be just the city labor switching it over. The owners are hoping to open for business by or before the end of the month. Per Janicek, this is simply a part swap, and it should be simple to get done. Robinson, I am open to a temporary solution with a signed agreement on balance due date and/or monthly payments. Per Cederburg, the electrical upgrades and/or new construction Ordinance were set in place to go underground, and the purpose was to be consistent with everyone across the board, an exception cannot be made. Per Bill, the city has a transformer available. Per Board Member Evertson, this ordinance was enforced to business owners in the past and they would be upset to learn of any exceptions.

Motion by Janicek, seconded by Carlson to grant a Variance for TT's Pub for overhead electrical service. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Janicek, Evertson, Robinson. Nay: Cederburg. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Supervisors Report –

City Administrator Brower – An additional 25 mobile homes are being installed at Stahla RV Park in the next three weeks or so. The sewer bid advertisement started last week. We will be discussing it at the next meeting. The City Council meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Additional updates given.

William Hinton – Electric Department Supervisor. Will be attending the NMPP Board of Directors meeting tomorrow.

Craig Aragon – Water Department – Currently working with Vision and Zenner to get all our modules outside of pits. Our motor has been rebuilt again, last time it only lasted a year. We are happy with Downy Drilling and will use them in the future. With the weather warming up, we will be busy mowing, weeding, and doing maintenance work. Additional updates given.

Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte – got our tractor back from Titan. Staff are currently repairing dumpsters and painting them, tearing down bad dumpsters to ship away. Will be receiving quotes on the scale soon. Have been in contact with three companies regarding the truck, I should have bids soon. We got 10 and half years left on the MSW pit and about 14 to 15 years left on the Cand D Pit. Additional updates given.

Blake – Mixture is still in for services, it's been a month. Will call next week to get status. One blower failed and it has been fixed. There is a webinar on May 29th that we will be attending. Additional updates given.

Next regular meeting will be June 11, 2024, at 5:00 pm. There being no further business, Evertson motioned and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 6:51pm. The following votes were recorded. Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Janicek, Evertson, Robinson. Absent: None Nay: None. Motion carried.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson City Clerk