Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
July 9th, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 5:00pm on July 09, 2024, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members, Carlson, Cederburg, Evertson, and Robinson were in attendance. Also attending were Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, Electric Supervisor William Hinton, Water Superintendent Craig Aragon, City Administrator Annette Brower, City Clerk Paula Tarango, WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, and 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 Carlson to excuse the absence of board member Austin Janicek, he sent a text message to Cederburg letting him know he would not be attending. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Carlson, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Janicek. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened discussion on electric rate pro-forma and 2024 electric rate increase. We cannot continue with the same rates due to losing revenue, we need to adjust rates to get things back where they must be. This is a serious issue that we must address. 10% rate increase across the board, for the average consumer roughly 6 dollars a month.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Evertson to approve Resolution #2024-3 a Resolution approving electric rates with an implementation date of August 25th of

2024. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Janicek. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened discussion on amending Ordinance 712 regarding underground Service updates. The paragraph of concern is on page 4, Brower reached out to legal counsel, and it is the subsection – if the board decides to do so, legal counsel suggest having it reworded if the goal is to make it more stringent. Per Cederburg, the responsibility is to set policy, the board should not get involved in day-to-day activities. Per Robinson, Ordinance 712 covers everything, and it is well worded. (Discussion only, no action taken)

Cederburg opened discussion on Power Review board territory and future growth of the electric system. Brower presented a map of the electric territory that belongs to the City of Kimball. Within that map there are several larger areas, mostly on the outskirts of town that we currently do not service that we very well could. The city would contact High-west Energy and buy their infrastructure. It would be a gradual process, and not do all at once. Per Board member Robinson – the responsibility will be on the city staff and not the board, Electric department and/or City Administrator are to pick all the areas, put them on the map currently presented and start the preliminary conversations, as right now there is not much to look at. (Discussion only no action taken)

Cederburg opened discussion on considering rates for Pack Rat Disposal for county resident pick up. Per Cederburg there have been 3 (three) meetings with Conrad. We negotiated over a period (one hour) we agreed, subject to board approval to give pack rat 40% percent discount of our going rate, if the rates go up, he still has 40 % discount, but we don't have to adjust rates. Per board member Robinson, modify the ordinance and come up with the right wording, under the resolution, same template and change "Private commercial waste haulers" (County residents and non-county residents) Separate resolution then add to next BPW meeting. (Discussion only, no action taken).

Cederburg opened a discussion on approving the recommendation for the mayor's signature on the Kimball Master Agreement for Communications Cable and Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way between the City of Kimball and Inventive Wireless

of Nebraska, LLC dba Vista Beam. Brower – Vista Beam presented the plan during the last City Council meeting and all the council is on board. This is not an exclusive contract. Vista Beam will be adding fiber to the City of Kimball for internet access purposes, the lines will run to all residences and businesses, we just need an agreement in place regarding allowing them to use our Right-of-Ways.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Carlson to approve the mayor's signature on the Kimball Master Agreement for Communications Cable and Facilities in Public Rights-of-Way between the City of Kimball and Inventive Wireless of Nebraska, LLC dba Vista Beam. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Evertson, Carlson, and Robinson. Absent: Janicek. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened discussion on approving the recommendation for Mayor's signature on the Contract NO. 24-RMR-3509, among Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska and United States Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration Rocky Mountain Region Loveland Area Projects and City of Kimball, Nebraska for Purchasing and Scheduling Agent Services. Per Annette Brower, legal counsel, has reviewed it and they see no issue with it, they are currently our provider. There are no issues with wording.

Motion by Robinson, seconded by Evertson to approve the mayor's signature on the Contract NO. 24-RMR-3509, among Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska and United States Department of Energy Western Area Power Administration Rocky Mountain Region Loveland Area Projects and City of Kimball, Nebraska for Purchasing and Scheduling Agent Services. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Carlson, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Janicek. Motion carried.

Reports –

Anette Brower – City Administrator - There will be a meeting with the NDEE for the power generation plant. William Hinton and I will meet with FEMA in the morning to go over storm damage from early April storm, we do have an opportunity to recuperate some of the damage costs. Paula and I will be meeting with a LARM rep, they are very interactive making sure we are doing everything right, policy, safety

procedures, walk through, etc. we are busy. The next big project will be the sewer extension on 2nd street coming off Washington. The Nadine Street project for the Mietus duplexes. We need to put an agreement in place. Thank you to all my superintendents who rock, taking on projects and going the extra mile.

Craig Aragon – we poured our sewer manhole base at 7th street. The sewer line is about 70 percent buried. We still have about 20 feet of pipe to lay. Scottsbluff will be here at 8:00am tomorrow morning to assist us, they are only charging for equipment and man hours, we are getting tremendous savings instead of having municipal come to Kimball. The flat meter charge is $32.50 for commercial meters and after doing research, many other municipalities are charging up to $200 for commercial meters. We might consider increasing those charges based on the size of the meters. Additional updates given.

Jim Schulte - The landfill received 1,238,653.00 lbs. of MSW during the 2nd quarter 0f 2024. The C&D landfill received 466,125.00 lbs. of C&D during the 2nd quarter of 2024. The refuge department picked up 48,720 lbs. of recyclables and delivered them to the recycle building during the 2nd quarter of 2024. We sent the two newest employees to hazard waste screening class at Chadron. The staff has been spraying weeds this last month. We are in the process of working the drainage system around the landfill to control erosion and runoff using cobble stone and straw bales.

Blake Wagner – Treatment plant is running well, DMRQA testing is complete. Willis Nicholas from Wichita State visited our plant and had a follow up on the nutrient removal visit from the previous time. We are mowing and spraying when the weather permits. Routine plant maintenance is going well.

Public comment –

The public was represented.

Next regular meeting will be August 14, 2024, at 5:00 pm. There being no further business, Robinson motioned and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting at

5:37pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Evertson, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: Janicek. Motion carried.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson City Clerk