Board of Public Works
*****Special Meeting*****
October 21, 2025

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:00pm on October 21, 2025, at the City Council Chambers, 223 S Chestnut St. Board members Jack Shaw, Jim Cederburg, and Deb Evertson, were in attendance. Also attending were WWTP Supervisor Blake Wagner, City Administrator Annette Brower, Water Department Foreman Casey Hottell, Landfill Supervisor Jim Schulte, Electric Supervisor Bill Hinton, City Clerk Paula Tarango, 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.

Cederburg called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. On the roll call the following members were present: Cederburg, Evertson, and Shaw.

Cederburg acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Shaw to approve the consent agenda items as presented which include claims, financials, and minutes from the previous meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Evertson, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on the approval of allowing City of Gering to pursue bids to conduct boring samples at landfill for future cell expansion. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, these are the very early stages, the city of Gering has requested permission to conduct boaring samples, depending on the results they will present it to their board and follow the correct protocol to see if there is even an option to proceed further.

Motion by Shaw, seconded by Evertson to approve allowing City of Gering to pursue bids for boaring samples at landfill for future cell expansion. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Evertson, and Shaw. Nay: none. Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.

The Board of Public Works board received the Landfill Rate Study by JK Energy Consulting. Board member Cederburg explained the importance of this study and talked about inflation and rate increases.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Shaw to accept and approve the Landfill Rate Study by JK Energy Consulting and approve the Amended 2025-12 Resolution changing the landfill fees and weights

from cubic yards to tons upon a quick correction pointed out by City Administrator Annette Brower. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Evertson, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.

Doug Louden – updates on WWTP - Moving along slower than we hoped but it is progressing, working towards starting the plant back up the first week in November.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Shaw to approve and recommend to Council the approval on the Pay app #6 – Hackle Construction for the Kimball Wastewater Treatment plant in the amount of $169.947.90. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Cederburg, Evertson, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: Carlson. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on receiving the bid from TMI Coatings for water tank rehab and repair – No company representatives attended the meeting. Per Annette Brower, we obtained a 2nd bid per the request of the board. Cederburg, stated that we will review and discuss it further as necessary in the upcoming meetings. Additional reviews and discussions will be held at upcoming meetings.

Jake Dugger with Maquire Water - bid and option for water tank rehab and repair. The bid was presented and discussed last month with one small change. The company ran a promotion on the LOGO cost; members will see a slight reduction on the proposal today. Dugger shared pictures of the water tower after completion. Board members participated by asking questions and adding comments. Additional reviews and discussions will be held at upcoming meetings.

Board member Tim Carlson walked in late to the meeting at 4:18pm.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Shaw to table the conversation about the bids for the water tank rehab and repair until the next meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye; Carlson, Shaw, Cederburg, and Evertson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Board members received and discussed the MEAN notification for WAPA- LAP transmission and ancillary rates proposed for April 2026. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, this is MEAN putting on a forward notification of what we are already aware of that we are looking at rate increases in April, per MEAN, we will have exact numbers as the date gets closer. Discussion only, no action taken.

Cederburg opened a discussion on reviewing the suggested future wastewater rate increase required per USDA – Per board member Cederburg, they divided it into three different steps to gradually implement the increase and the sooner we can start this, the better we will be able to spread it out, the first step can be taken in January, the 2nd step in October, and after another 10 months, the third step can be taken. The increase would be roughly $3.00. If we continue to postpone it the rate will be higher Cederburg said. City Administrator will prepare a resolution for the next meeting to take effect in January of 2026. Discussion only, no action taken.

Cederburg opened a discussion on placing the WWTP 2002 Chevy pick-up onn surplus for sale and set minimum bid. Per Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Blake Wagner, the Kelly Blue Book's price for fair condition is $5,300 which is the condition that the truck is in. This truck is not being used on a daily basis and there is no need for us to keep it.

Motion by Carlson, seconded by Evertson to approve placing the WWTP 2002 Chevy pick-uo on surplus for sale and set the minimum bid of $5,300 and proceeds to go to the reserve account. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Evertson, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Cederburg opened a discussion on considering council's suggestion to purchase of the Police Department's 2022 Pickup truck for utility department. Per City Administrator Annette Brower, the Police Department wants to sell this truck due to not being used as much. Council suggested purchasing it for the utility side or as a replacement for the electric department's old truck.

Motion by Evertson, seconded by Carlson to table to topic of considering council's suggestion to purchase the police department's 2022 pick-up truck for utility department until the next meeting. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Shaw, Evertson, and Cederburg. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Reports –

Bill Hinton – Electric Supervisor – Working on the generation plant, wrapping everything up, they are hoping to finish everything this week. Working on underground services, the crew has also been pouring concrete in different spots. The lighting of the City Park needs to be fixed; we will try to get that this week. Will be attending meetings in Kearney in November.

Casey Hottell – Water Department Foreman – The department has spent a lot of time on meters preparing for winter.

Jim Schulte – Landfill Supervisor – We have been working on rebuilding dumpsters, replaced a few green dumpsters in the last couple of weeks, and the trash truck driver continues to mark the ones that we need to replace. The trash truck picked up 148,000 pounds of trash. Additional updates given.

Blake Wager – Wasterwater Treatment Plant Supervisor – We passed all the requirement for lab testing; we are ready to get back to running and are prepping for November 3rd as a start date for operations. Additional updates given.

City Administrator – Annette Brower – WWTP is moving forward. We have final plans for the Lighthouse subdivision, they got stamped and approved plans from the State of NE as well, official documents will be filed at the Clerk's office tomorrow. Congratulations to Zeb Brown, he is our

new Wastewater Treatment Operator, he completed the testing and certifications needed successfully.

Public Comment – No public comments.

Next regular meeting will be November 11, 2025, at 5:00 pm. There being no further business, Shaw motioned and seconded by Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 4:48 pm. The following votes were recorded: Aye: Carlson, Cederburg, Evertson, and Shaw. Nay: None. Absent: None Motion carried.

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Jim Cederburg, Chairperson City Clerk