

Board of Public Works  
Regular Meeting  
January 28, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on January 28, 2020 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Coleman, Fossand, Evertson, Brown and Porter were present. Also present was Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Water Superintendent Sisk, Electric Superintendent Hinton, City Administrator Dean, City Treasurer Brower and City Clerk Terrill. The public was represented.

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 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 the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Porter called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

The Board of Public Works reviewed the following items under the consent agenda:

1. Minutes from the regular meeting of December 19, 2019;
2. Claims;
3. Treasurer's Report from December 2019; and
4. Financial Reports from December 2019.

Brown moved and seconded by Evertson to approve the consent agenda as presented in the packet. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Brown, Evertson, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to approve Mitch Brown to the Firstier Bank signature cards. Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to add Mitch Brown to the Firstier Bank signature cards. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Brown, Evertson, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider purchasing a generator for the water wells. Discussion was held on the different quotes provided to the Board, the transfer switch and stationery versus portable units. Sisk advised the Board that he prefers the stationary unit that can be put on a trailer. Sisk also stated that the Nebraska Generator is capable of remote start via cellphone. After discussion, the Board advised Sisk to contact Nebraska Generator to see if the transfer switch and the remote monitoring can be billed separately.

Porter opened discussion to consider installing a mixer in the water tank. Sisk advised the Board that there have been issues the last couple of summers due to water separation and that causes bacteria to form on top. Sisk went on to say that he has had to chlorinate the water the last few years but installing a mixer would eliminate those issues. Discussion held on if the Water Department could do the installation and wiring. After discussion, Fossand moved and seconded by Brown to approve the purchase of a water mixer for the water tank. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Brown, Evertson, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed

Porter Opened discussion to approve Resolution 2020-01, reappointment to MEAN Management Committee. Discussion held on the importance of being a member of this Committee. Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to approve Resolution 2020-01 with the name change of Bill to William. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Brown, Evertson, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed

Porter opened discussion to approve Resolution 2020-02, reappointment to NMPP Members Council. Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to approve Resolution 2020-02. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Brown, Evertson, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed

Porter opened discussion on the possibility of a regional landfill. Dean advised that he doesn't have all the information at this time but wanted to see how the Board felt about it. The Board advised that they would like more information on it and were open to the suggestion.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte advised the Board that they are working on the repermitting process. Schulte added that they are working in the C&D pit. He went on to say that the loader will need to be sent in for its 2,000-hour service.

Water Superintendent Sisk advised the Board that he has been doing a lot of office work, shop projects and equipment maintenance. Sisk advised he has been researching water meters and that he did order 10 different meters. He went on to say that the cost is the same, but these are more accurate and that the older meters are failing.

Electric Superintendent Hinton advised the Board that they are working on the transit building and the old Twin Pines. He added that he has had several calls from the Manor looking for new generator. He also said that the Reclosers ship February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Power Plant Superintendent Terrill advised that everything is the same at the Power Plant. He went on to say that Farabee out of Lincoln drove up from Kansas and got the boiler working. Valves have been put in to keep water inside. He is waiting for a quote to update the system. He added that the current system was installed 40 years ago and runs every day.

City Administrator Dean updated the Board on the recent MEAN Meeting he attended. He went on to say that there was a discussion at the meeting to raise rates but that they ended up not increasing.

Discussion was held on the next regular meeting date due to Annette, Katherine, Dan and Keith will be in Lincoln for the League Conference. After discussion, Coleman moved and seconded by Fossand to approve February 26, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. as the next regular meeting date. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Brown, Evertson, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

There being no further business, Brown moved and seconded by Fossand to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Brown, Evertson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk