

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
February 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on February 26, 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, Wastewater Superintendent Quicke, 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 4:18 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 January 28, 2020;
2. Claims;
3. Treasurer's Report from January 2020; and
4. Financial Reports from January 2020.

Evertson moved and seconded by Fossand 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 receive an update on the Power Plant, Tim Cerveny (MEAN). Power Plant Superintendent Terrill first advised the Board that Cerveny has been at the Power Plant a couple of times including the last meeting with the water engineer. Terrill went on to say at that meeting the water engineer was going to get a quote for the water tubes and exchangers. Terrill stated that he has not received that quote as of today. Cerveny advised the Board that MEAN contracts with Kimball and 21 other power plants for back up capacity to help cover the load for MEAN and in exchange MEAN pays the City of Kimball monthly for a total of \$192,000 per year which is based on \$2.00 per kw, other cities receive \$1.50 per kw per month but will eventually also go to \$2.00. Cerveny stated that the current issue at the Power Plant is a common one with all plants. Cerveny added a lot of those plants have install new cooling towers and radiators due to water corrosion within the tubes which causes them to break/fail. He stated that he has been at the plant the last three years during the capability testing and that the engines and generators all work well which is a plus as those are the major

expense. Cerveny added that in comparison to other facilities, the Kimball Power Plant operates very well. Cerveny stated that MEAN is in favor of keeping this facility running not only for back up generation for them but for emergency generation for the City of Kimball as it is a great resource. Porter stated that to keep the contract with MEAN that the City would have to keep the plant running to continue to act as back up generation for MEAN. Cerveny stated that was correct and that the plant would have to pass the capability during the summer to prove it has the capacity to generate for MEAN when needed. Porter asked about the other plants that have had this same issue and what he would recommend repairing the issue. Cerveny said that the most economical option is to replace the heat exchange portion of the cooling system by refurbishing or replacing the radiators and decide whether to run on straight water or with glycol. Discussion was held on repairing two or more units at a time and the effect of doing so. Brown asked Cerveny how much it would cost to repair. Cerveny said that the project in Pender Nebraska is \$450,000 but that they are replacing the whole thing. Cerveny added that Kimball's would cost significantly less for the whole project but that he can't give an exact number. Discussion held on going from 8 MW to 5 MW temporarily and the process of going to the Board to request going back to 8MW. Cerveny stated that according to the agreement, the Plant can be down for 15 months but after 90 days it would not be eligible for retro pay. Coleman asked what the length of the contract is between MEAN and the City of Kimball. Cerveny stated it is for the life of the company unless the decision was made to terminate the contract. Cerveny added that MEAN would rather contract with cities and provide them with capacity payments rather going elsewhere. Power Plant Superintendent handed out financial statements for the 5 years he has been running the Kimball Power Plant showing \$1,154,229.87 received in capacity payments from MEAN and \$137,892.97 in Plant maintenance and repairs over those 5 years. Coleman asked Terrill if the City has another source of backup power while the plant is down. Terrill stated no, the power plant is strictly the backup source of power for Kimball.

Porter opened discussion to receive an update from Keep Kimball Beautiful/Kimball Recycle Center, Spud Rowley. Rowley updated the Board on the status of the Recycling Program. Rowley advised the Board that the total materials recycled in 2019 was 655,094 lbs. Rowley went over the grants the center applied for. Rowley added for the 2020-year grant through NDEE that the center applied for \$102,334 with a cash match of \$24,565 and non-cash match in-kind \$85,305. The Board thanked Rowley for the update.

Porter opened discussion to consider waiving the Landfill fees for the Park and Recreation. City Clerk Terrill advised the Board that the Park and Recreation Board requested the Board of Public Works to waive the Landfill fees for the roof repair and replacement of the gutters and down spouts. After discussion, Fossand moved and seconded by Coleman to approve waiving the C&D Landfill fees for the Park and Recreation minus all materials that can be recycled (gutters, down spouts, drip heads, etc.). 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 Electric Infrastructure Improvements, Bill Hinton. Hinton advised he has been meeting with Highwest Energy about installing another feed into Kimball. Hinton advised the feed would be further east and a bigger line. Hinton stated he believes it would be another redundancy for the city. Hinton added that he hoped to have more information by next meeting.

Porter opened discussion to consider business lights. Hinton presented the Board with quotes for the business lights. Hinton stated that the wire that he has been using is not commercial rated. After discussion, Evertson moved and seconded by Brown to approve the pre-season sale price of \$8,406 from Creative Displays, Inc. 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 meter reading protocol. Dean advised the Board that there have been several issues with the meter reading employees accessing meters. Dean advised the Board that he wanted clarification from the Board that meters must be accessible. Discussion was held on installing a bridge on meters. Hinton advised that a bridge is not allowed by code and he would be talking to the State Inspector. Discussion held on meters moved from the house to the alley. Fossand asked Dean if we have a policy for reading meters in place. Dean stated we do. Fossand questioned whether it needs updated or not. Dean stated he didn't think it needs to be reviewed.

Hinton advised the Board that the east substation reclosers should be shipping soon.

Sisk updated the Board on the engineer specs on the BFD project. Sisk stated he is working on the permit for the mixer. Sisk added that the total cost of the BFD project is more than what was budgeted and that the Board would have to consider how they want to proceed.

Quicke advised the Board that they will be replacing the sump pump at the treatment plant.

Schulte advised Golder has submitted the permit to NDEE and it is almost done.

Discussion was held on the next regular meeting date due to a schedule conflict. After discussion, March 31, 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, Coleman moved and seconded by Evertson to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. 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.

Chairperson

City Clerk