

Board of Public Works
Budget Workshop
August 5, 2019

A budget workshop meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on August 5, 2019 in the City Council Chambers. Board members Evertson, Coleman, Fossand, Robinson and Porter were present. Also present were Water Superintendent Sisk, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Electric Superintendent Hinton, Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, 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 4:20 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act poster.

Porter opened discussion to recommend the 2019-2020 FY utilities budget. Porter asked about the tire grant. Dean advised the City has already been approved. Discussion held on the VFD's and the generator in the 19-20 FY Water Department budget. Sisk advised the Board that the \$15,000 in the current budget will carry over to the 19-20 FY budget so that all three can be installed at the same time. Sisk also explained that the requested generator is for the water wells in case of an extended power outage. He went on to say that he is looking into a trailer mounted generator that could be moved from site to site. Sisk added that it could be used at several other locations including the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Booster Station.

Discussion was held on the Capital Reserve line item in the Electric Department's budget and if there is a reserve account. Treasurer Brower advised that there is not a separate account for just reserve funds. She went on to explain that the reserve funds set aside by the auditor are included in the sweep bank account. Coleman asked if the auditor will note that the \$115,000 is reserved for the Electric Department. Brower stated yes along with the \$70,000 budgeted for the 19-20 FY.

Porter asked about the status of the digger derrick. Hinton said that the truck should be delivered soon but \$225,000 of the \$251,000 that is in the budget was included in the 19-20 FY budget just in case it arrives after October 1, 2019. Dean stated that the remaining \$26,000 in Capital Expenditures is for a stump grinder, a locator and \$15,000 towards a future purchase of a pickup truck for the Electric Department. He went on to say that the \$225,000 will be taken out of the 19-20 budget if the digger derrick arrives before October 1.

Discussion was held on splitting Lance Terrill's wages between all departments for the IT work that he does. Dean said that he thought a 70/30 or 50/50 (IT/Power Plant) split would be fair but that they would have to find the money in the other budgets and there would need to be an IT job description and added to the step/wage scale. Brower that the 50/50 split would lower the salaries in the Power Plant to \$65,290.

Discussion was held on the \$38,376 for recycling in the Landfill budget. Dean said that this increases the current \$1.00 per customer to \$2.00 per customer that was agreed upon some time ago.

Discussion was held to adjust the revenue in the Water Department to reflect the rate increase.

Robinson moved and seconded by Fossand to recommend the 2019/2020 FY Utilities Budget with discussed changes to the City Council. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Next regular meeting will be August 27, 2019 at 4:15 p.m. With there being no further discussion, Fossand moved and seconded by Evertson to adjourn at 4:51 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Coleman, Evertson, Robinson and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Chairperson

City Clerk