

Board of Public Works
Regular Meeting
May 26, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on May 26, 2020 in the City Council Chambers. Due to the current COVID-19 virus Board members Porter and Fossand attended in person and Board members Brown, Evertson and Coleman attended via Zoom. Also attending via Zoom were Water Superintendent Sisk, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, City Treasurer Brower. Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, Electric Superintendent Hinton and City Clerk Terrill attended in person. 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 4:19 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 April 26, 2020 and the May 14, 2020 special meeting; (2) Claims; (3) Treasurer's Report from April 2020; and (4) Financial Reports from April 2020.

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

Porter opened discussion to consider updating the PLC's at the water wells. Jeff Hohnstein with HOA Solutions joined the meeting via Zoom to discuss options on the PLC's. Hohnstein presented several options to the Board from \$2,500 - \$18,000 per well. Hohnstein said that the current PLC's are still fine if the Board chooses not to do anything this year, but the VFD speeds would have to be set manually. Hohnstein added that if the PLC's were not upgraded, they would not have control to operate the VFD on a dynamic programming that can change with different variables. The manual programming would allow for only one programmed speed and would not allow for change automatically. Discussion held on the details of the cost range and the capabilities of the current PLC's. Sisk advised the Board that the current PLC's were installed in 2004. Hohnstein added that those models being phased out and the price on parts for repair will continue to increase. Evertson asked if there was any salvage value on the old PLC's. Hohnstein advised that salvage value would be between \$800-\$1,500 each. Porter asked what the life span of the current PLC's is. Hohnstein advised around 20 years. After further discussion, Porter asked Sisk what he would like to do. Sisk advised the Board that he would like to upgrade now but the \$8,500 per site not budgeted. Sisk went on to say that they could hold off until early October and include the upgrades in the budget. After further

discussion, Brown moved and seconded by Evertson to table updating the PLC's until the June meeting to allow time for Sisk to get quotes. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Porter opened discussion to consider the COVID-19 Relief Discount. Discussion held on the current Directed Health Measure and extending the discount through next month. The Board agreed that would be the best thing to do. After discussion, Brown moved and seconded by Fossand to extend the 5% COVID Discount for 30 days and discuss at the next regular meeting. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Electric Superintendent Hinton advised the Board that they finished the RV Park but still waiting on the Transit Building. Hays project should be up and going within the next day. FVC putting storage unit in, have ordered parts to get project done by August. Working at water tower to get the mixer installed.

Water Superintendent Sisk advised the Board that working at water tank to install mixer, hope to install beginning of June. There was a leak on Walnut St. that was part of the same main leaking last fall. Reinstalled service to two buildings that were abandoned last fall. City Council approved VFD Project with HOA Solutions.

Landfill Superintendent Schulte advised the Board that Golder is still working on permit. Ordered dumpsters which was budgeted. Have several other dumpsters that will have the bottoms replaced and painted.

Treasurer Brower advised Paul Quicke wanted to pass on that one of the two mixers at the WWTP is down. He got a quote for repair which will be \$5,500.

Power Plant Superintendent Terrill thanked Sisk and Hinton for repairs at the Power Plant. Still waiting on quotes on new and used radiators. Had to replace a valve, took about a week to get it out as had to do it alone. Going to run Cooper Engine soon to get it warmed up. Evertson asked how long it has been since the Cooper had ran. Terrill advised he didn't have that date in front of him.

Next regular meeting will be June 23, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. Porter asked if that date worked with everyone's schedule. Coleman advised he had a conflict with that date. After discussion, Evertson moved and seconded by Coleman to move the regular meeting date to June 30, 2020 at 4:15 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

There being no further business, Fossand moved and seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. On roll call the following votes were recorded. Aye: Fossand, Evertson, Brown, Coleman and Porter. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Chairperson

City Clerk