

Kimball Board of Public Works  
Regular Meeting  
May 23, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works was convened in open and public session at 4:15 p.m. on May 22, 2017 at the City Council Chambers. Board members Cederburg, Fossand, Porter, Rowley, and Robinson were present. Also present were City Administrator Dean, Electric Utilities Superintendent Hinton, Power Plant Superintendent Terrill, Water Superintendent Sisk, Landfill Superintendent Schulte, Special Projects Coordinator Sapp, City Treasurer Sisk and City Clerk Russell. 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 Cederburg called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and acknowledged the posted Open Meetings Act.

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

1. Minutes from the regular meeting of May 2, 2017;
2. Claims;
3. Treasurer's Report from April 2017; and
4. Financial Reports from April 2017.

There being no discussion, Robinson moved and Rowley seconded to approve the consent agenda. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Cederburg, Fossand, Porter, Rowley, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Terrill gave a presentation on a water isolation tank project for the Power Plant. They are gearing up for the peak season. Terrill said the water systems are heated from the Power Plant boiler. The bills from 2007 to 2015 average \$45,000. In 2010-2011, the old boiler was replaced and the set point was lowered from 150 to 130. This decreased the dollar amount significantly to a little over \$17,000. Terrill presented a map of the radiators in the Power Plant and the amount of gallons used.

The overview of the project is to drain all but one outside radiator, approximately 417 gallons of water; install indoor isolation tanks to hold water during the winter months; and install necessary piping and pumping to fill radiators when needed. Terrill indicated that the isolation tanks were donated by FVC. The cost of the project will be whatever it costs to connecting piping to the existing system.

Possible drawbacks of the project are: the possibility of having to use more than one radiator during unit exercise of need for generation; draining back to tanks, blowing radiator(s) out to remove all water after each use; and the cost of disconnecting the Electric Department system and upgrading.

Benefits of the project are: less chance of weak lines in radiators breaking; decreased cost of adding chemical to fresh water; decreased natural gas expense; ability to exercise units according to MEAN exercise schedule. Terrill mentioned that this doesn't change any of the capabilities.

Terrill presented a natural gas total cost from 2012 to 2016 with 2018 cost estimate.

Discussion was held on the Electric Department and the heating. Terrill said it will need to be relocated and Hinton commented on receiving quotes for heaters. Robinson commented that money will be saved at the Power Plant but more will have to be spent on the Electric Department side. Discussion was held on the overall savings. Hinton said it is time to isolate the systems so each department can take care of their own facility. Cederburg said that ultimately, both departments will be better off with the upgrades.

Dean indicated that the costs of the aforementioned will be included in next fiscal year's budget and anticipate the project be in place for this winter.

Cederburg opened discussion on the Sidney vs MEAN Order. Sidney won the arbitration case. The case involves an electric rate dispute between Sidney and MEAN with regard to a rate for wholesale electric service. The dispute concerns an upward change in MEAN's charges for transmission service to the City of Sidney from \$28,408 per year to approximately \$576,000 per year.

Cederburg indicated MEAN had some expense and started charging Sidney the same as other municipalities. It was revealed that MEAN does intend to appeal. Dean said that going forward depending on the outcome of the appeal, MEAN members will have an impact on their rates.

Spud Rowley, KKB Manager, provided a monthly update on Keep Kimball Beautiful and Recycle Center activities. He reported they had about 25 volunteers to help with the annual clean up. The household hazardous waste will be collected on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Rowley reported he provided the financial information to Dean with the exception of financial statements.

Rowley reported he met with Schulte regarding a trial run for single stream recycling. Rowley said they picked up more bins from Western Sugar and will be able to put about 200 bins out for the single stream recycling. Robinson inquired about a tentative date and Rowley said they will have 20 bins available by June 1<sup>st</sup> and 40 by the end of June. They are waiting from NDEQ on the waste reduction. They have 87 bins ready to go out.

Rowley said his crew did some repair work on the building. They got all the fascia up with the exception of one piece. He thanked the Board members for letting them use the facility.

Dean reported on a telephone call from MEAN the middle of May which afforded the opportunity to get some additional WAPA power and the City received an addition 20% of the allocation for May and 30% for June. It will help in the long run with the City's power.

Dean reported the budget process is beginning. He has spoken to the Mayor about a short retreat at the Event Center on June 24<sup>th</sup> and invited the Board of Public Works members to participate. This will entail getting some quick updates from department heads and receive some goal setting from the City Council.

Hinton reported his crew is working on the Dairy Queen project. They are changing a single phase to a 3-phase. Hinton reported he anticipates the transformers to be here in three to four weeks. Hinton reported the reclosure at the east substation is down.

Sisk reported the Water Department crew is working on normal maintenance. A valve in the park has been changed out. They also need to replace a valve at the Cemetery. Sisk reported his crew is busy getting the pool ready for the season. He has put some root killer down some lines in the Sunnyview Addition.

Terrill reported the scheduled testing that MEAN voted on will be two units per month and run every quarter. MEAN will pay for the fuel for the two hours and Terrill thinks that can be looked at as a fuel cost.

Schulte reported the conveyor belt has been built and is ready to ship. It is planned to be down for a couple weeks. Schulte received the new dumpsters today. The trommel screen will be showing up soon as well.

Robinson moved to enter into closed session at 4:48 p.m. to conduct a strategy session and for the protection of public interest. Closed session to include Board members and City staff. Seconded by Porter. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Cederburg, Fossand, Porter, Rowley, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Cederburg stated the motion has passed to enter into closed session at 4:48 p.m. for the protection of the public interest and to conduct a strategy session.

At 4:50 p.m., Mike Mansour and Thom Ghodossi, Exponential Engineering, joined the closed session.

At 5:52 p.m., Mike Mansour and Thom Ghodossi left the closed session.

Robinson moved and Rowley seconded to end closed session at 6:10 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Cederburg, Fossand, Porter, Rowley, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

Robinson moved and Porter seconded to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate with Sandhills Energy for a \$220,500 wheeling rate. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Fossand, Porter, Rowley, and Robinson. Nay: Cederburg. Absent: None. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on June 27, 2017 at 4:15 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works, Robinson moved and Fossand seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. On roll call vote, the following votes were recorded on the electronic voting board. Aye: Cederburg, Fossand, Porter, Rowley, and Robinson. Nay: None. Absent: None. Motion passed.

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Chairperson

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City Clerk

City of Kimball-Board of Public Works-May 23, 2017-Payroll Fund-Transfer-44,308.09; Amazon-Charges-54.65; CenturyLink-Telephone-662.56; Charter Communications-Internet-245.25; Connecting Point-Copy Usage-613.98; High West Energy-Utilities-7,459.00; Midwest Laboratories, Inc.-Testing-225.50; Simmons Olsen Law Firm, P.C.-Professional Services-904.00; Viaero-Cell Phone-150.11; Visa-Firstier Bank-Charges-3,280.66; Western Nebraska Observer-Meeting Notices-77.77; Baker & Associates-Survey-2,521.22; Black Hills Energy, LLC-Gas Service-1,779.63; City of Kimball-Transfer-18,713.26; City of Kimball-Occupation Tax-10,735.80; City of Kimball-Transfer-130.00; City of Kimball-Transfer-2,803.98; City of Kimball-Transfer-1,919.42; Combined Utilities-Utilities-162.56; Creative Displays, Inc.-Supplies-645.21; Crescent Electric Supply Co.-Supplies-242.91; Eagles Aerie-Appreciation Dinner-408.00; Exponential Engineering, Co.-Professional Services-1,040.00; Walt Fincher-Repairs-229.00; Frenchman Valley Coop- Fuel-2,405.12; Fuel Management Solutions, Inc.-Fuel Filtering-1,185.92; Reuben and Lindsey Gillette-Service Deposit Refund-57.53; Grainger-Parts-172.25; HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd.-Support Contract-2,370.06; Hometown Hardware-Supplies-581.86; Ideal Linen Supply, Inc.-Supplies-63.86; Karl W. Schmidt & Associates, Inc.-Repairs-15,047.50; Kimball Auto Parts-Parts-151.44; Kimball Service Center-Repairs-238.23; Kriz-Davis Company-Supplies-635.11; Lift-It Mfg. Co., Inc.-Parts-284.87; MEAN-MEAN Billing-117,448.53; MailFinance-Property Tax- 61.44; NAQS-Testing-805.00; Napa Auto Parts-Parts-272.30; Nebraska Municipal Power Pool-EIA Services-1,050.00; Nebraska Public Health Enviro Lab-Water Sample-15.00; Northwest Pipe Fitting, Inc.-Parts-382.64; One Call Concepts- Locates-31.86; Panhandle Coop-Oil-65.30; Panhandle Coop Association-Supplies-40.07; Powerplan-Parts-365.21; Prestige MFG.-Roof Ladders-2,843.21; Allen Wolff-Service Deposit Refund-22.04.