
City of Broken Bow

Monday, June 25, 2012

City Council Regular Session

Consideration of Board of Public Works recommendation to release natural gas capacity under agreement with Kinder Morgan

Staff Contact: Electric Supr.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA, HELD IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING ON JUNE 12, 2012.

The Board of Public Works of the City of Broken Bow, Nebraska met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 2012. Chairman, Gene Chapin called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M. Board members present were informed that this was a meeting of the Board of Public Works and was subject to the open meeting laws of the State of Nebraska a copy of which is posted at the back of the City Council room. Board members present were, Chapin, Butch Brunken, Kelly Clay, Wes Province and Bill Blackburn. Board members absent: None.

Minutes of the May 22, 2012 meeting were not read as they were previously delivered. It was moved by Province and seconded by Clay to approve the May 22, 2012 minutes as presented. Ayes: Brunken, Clay, Province, Blackburn and Chapin. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Office Manager, Lisa Spanel presented the Treasurer's Report to the Board. It was moved by Blackburn and seconded by Clay to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Ayes: Clay, Province, Blackburn, Chapin and Brunken. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Superintendent, Darren Marten discussed the purchase of a dump truck from the Federal Surplus in Lincoln, NE with the Board. After discussion it was moved by Chapin and seconded by Brunken to recommend the Broken Bow City Council grant Water/Sewer Superintendent, Darren Marten the authority to purchase the dump truck if it meets Martens' expectations. Ayes: Province, Blackburn, Chapin, Brunken and Clay. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Electric Superintendent, Doug Staab discussed the three options prepared by engineers for the 69kV Tie Line. Option one is a straight route from the South N Substation to Becton-Dickinson and would include a maximum of three poles placed on the farm field it would cross. Option two would take the line to the farm field then go east to the property line, then turn north along the property line and then turn back west before going on to Becton-Dickinson. Option three was to go underground through the farm field. Option three is cost prohibitive. Staab will talk with the landowner and try to come to an agreement for an easement to work with option one. Staab will report back to the Board with any agreement he may reach with the property owner for their approval.

Electric Superintendent, Staab discussed releasing Broken Bow Municipal Utilities Natural Gas Firm Transportation with the Board. The type of natural gas customer the Broken Bow Power Plant is has changed and we no longer need this firm transportation. After discussion it was moved by Province and seconded by Brunken to recommend to the Broken Bow City Council they authorize Electric Superintendent, Doug Staab to release the Natural Gas Firm Transportation. Ayes: Blackburn, Chapin, Brunken, Clay and Province. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The following was discussed under Department Heads Updates:

- Electric Superintendent, Doug Staab discussed with the Board the recent power outages. Some of the outage on the 7200 power line have been caused by wildlife and are out of our control. Some have been caused by faults and Staab would like to hire an engineer to conduct a fault study. Staab has enough in the engineering budget to cover the expense.
- Staab informed the Board that he has written a letter to Kim Farnstrom, State Electrical Inspector in support of the North Park School Project. The Utilities Electric Department upgraded the service to the North Park School not long ago and the School would like to just install a new panel. Staab's letter should help save money if the existing service can be used and not be changed out.

- Staab informed the Board that he has contacted the contractor installing the catalytic converters to see how soon they can start. They have ordered the product and are awaiting its arrival.
- Staab also informed the Board that he has prepared a preliminary estimate to bring power in to the Birney property and has given Birney that estimate.
- Water/Sewer Superintendent, Darren Marten informed the Board that he has contacted North Platte Utilities to check their septic hauler rate. North Platte charges \$0.06 per gallon to unload at their facility. Marten is also looking into an ordinance to set the guidelines.
- Marten informed the Board that the water and sewer main extensions are being constructed to the Birney property.
- Marten informed the Board that Johnson Service was here to camera some problem sewer lines. They found grease problems on the west side of the city square, cut roots on North B Street and cut roots on 1st Avenue between F & G.
- Marten informed the Board that the water main between South 12th & 13th is finished. His department has started on Judge Ave. and they are going to remove the old water main as they go.
- Marten also informed the Board that they are short one part time person, he was involved in the recent accident and will return as soon as he is able.

Items suggested for the next agenda were a follows: Contract for an electric fault study by an engineering firm.

The following claims were approved for payment:

Electric Department	\$ 174,811.66
Water Department	34,432.74
Sewer Department	12,047.90
TOTAL	\$ 221,292.30

It was moved by Blackburn and seconded by Clay to approve payment of the claims as presented. Ayes: Chapin, Brunken, Clay, Province and Blackburn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

James Beason Jr. appeared before the Board to discuss his service deposit refund and credit balance on his utility bill. Beason informed the Board that he had contacted Health & Human Services and they informed him that they had paid those for him and any remaining fund are to be returned to them. Mr. Beason thought he should receive those funds. This item was not an Agenda item and therefore no action was taken.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Public Works, it was moved by Province and seconded by Brunken that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: Brunken, Clay, Province, Blackburn and Chapin. Nays: None. Motion carried. The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 1:14 P.M.

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORK OF THE
CITY OF BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA**

Gene Chapin, Chairman