

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: SPECIAL MEETING

February 23, 2021

Present: Mayor Tyler Gibson
Trustees: Christy Brady, Mike Cooper, Jim Howard, Ted Locke, Erv Maltbie,
Dan McVey

Guest Present: Holli Locke, Nicholas Marcotte and Alice Arsenault
Guest/Phone: Lyn Margolis, Margaret Dunham

Staff Present: Merna McGinnis, Town Manager, Treasurer
Tammy Newman, Town Clerk
Mike Ingle, Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Steve Bush, Water/Wastewater

ITEM 1-Call to Order:

Mayor Gibson called Board of Trustee Special meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

ITEM 2-Roll Call:

Present: Trustee Brady, Trustee Cooper, Trustee Howard, Trustee Locke, Trustee McVey,
Mayor Gibson, Trustee Maltbie

Absent: None

ITEM 3-Pledge of Allegiance: Was led by Mayor Gibson.

ITEM 4-Prayer: Was led by Trustee Maltbie.

ITEM 5-Boring Contract with Ming:

The Board reviewed the GM Construction boring bid. Town Manager McGinnis informed the Trustees that Electric Superintendent Piper said it was only necessary to go with a 2" directional bore for the electric line for 285 feet, at \$13.00 a foot for a total of \$3705.00, instead of the 4" directional bore for the electric line at 285 feet, at \$16.00 a foot for a total of \$4560.00.

Trustee Cooper stated there is a possibility of an old fuel tank on the easement right-of-way. Before boring confirm with Mr. Wilson if tank is still there or if it was removed. If tank is still there, we would need a copy of paperwork showing it had been removed. The electric department needs to do some investigation before boring.

Trustee McVey made motion to accept boring bid with GM Construction for a 2" directional bore totaling \$3,705.00, Second by Trustee Locke. Motion Passed.

ITEM 6-Resolution 21-03

A. Appointment to Nebraska Municipal Power Pool (NMPP) Members' Council:

Resolution 21-03 is to appoint a Mayor Gibson representative and Town Manager McGinnis as alternate representative to the Members' Council of the Nebraska Municipal Power Pool.

Trustee Locke made motion to accept Resolution 21-03. Second by Trustee Howard, Motion Passed.

ITEM 7-Water/Sewer Master Plan: Element Engineering

Element Engineering, Nicholas Marcotte and Alice Arsenault, presented a power point overview of the utility master plan that was handed out to the Trustees at the February 11th Regular Board

Meeting, for improvement to the water and wastewater systems. Several options were presented to the Trustees for consideration, along with project costs for the different options and different funding sources. The funding sources are part grant and loan from DOLA and USDA. The main purpose is to have all water going into one filtration system before being distributed out into water system. Now each well has its own entry point into water system, with wells testing high in nitrates, uranium and radium. Alternative 3 radium & uranium treatment with chlorine transmission main; would treat the radium and uranium. The town would build a new building for the treatment facility. A new distribution system looping, distribution system pipe relocation, replace 8,450 LF raw water piping, cast iron pipe replacement, media removal & disposal, 740 service line replacement, 113-meter replacement and 5 fire hydrant replacement, reduction for reduced sampling pipe replacement on HWY 287, core system controls to the water system and some asphalt & road base. The proposed total cost of all projects for water system \$5,541,931.00.

The wastewater system improvements for all projects would consist of collection systems video and manhole inspection and 100 brick manhole replacements and 5 lamp hole replacements. The proposed total cost of all projects for wastewater system \$1,713,760.00.

Element Engineering preliminary engineering report once selected would take three to five months, then to USDA, which uses an underwrite company, could take six months or more so just under a year for that phase. Then another year to year and a half between Element Engineering, USDA and CDPH getting everything lined out with funding, could be two to three years to start construction.

At the next regular meeting the Board will start discussing the fee increases as a tier process.

Trustee Brady made motion to start process for all projects on water & wastewater, Trustee McVey second. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 8-Adjournment:

Trustee Maltbie made motion to adjourn at 6:40 pm, Trustee Brady second. Motion carried unanimously.