

CITY OF FALLS CITY  
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

2307 BARADA STREET, FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA 68355-1546

PHONE (402) 245-2707

A G E N D A

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

5:30 P.M.

1.] ROLL CALL.

2.] [MINUTES](#): AUGUST 4,2022; AUGUST 18,2022

3.] AGENDA APPROVAL

4.] [UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT](#)

5.] OLD BUSINESS:

A.

B.

C.

6.] NEW BUSINESS:

A. ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM UPGRADE PROJECT FUNDING

B. FMI CHANGE ORDER FOR ENGINE #5

C.

D.

7.] CLAIMS

A. [UTILITY](#)

B. [SEWER](#)

## ***REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS***

August 4, 2022  
2307 Barada Street  
Falls City, Nebraska

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. Absent: None. Ray Luhring recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Joy and seconded by Koopman to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2022 and June 20, 2022. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

### **AGENDA**

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to approve the August 4, 2022 agenda as printed. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

### **UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Froeschl to approve the Utility Superintendent's report as presented. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

### **UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT JOB DESCRIPTION**

A motion was made by Froeschl and seconded by Joy to recommend to the City Council to approve job description and advertise position after October 1, 2022. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

### **CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Koopman and seconded by Joy to approve the claims for July, 2022 as follows: Electric Department - \$274,908.47, Water Department - \$93,422.38; Mechanic Shop - \$12,751.00; Gas

Department - \$107,907.65- Sewer - \$202,833.22. Roll was called on this motion and the members voted as follows: "YEA" Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. "NAY" None. "ABSENT" None. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15PM.**

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on August 4, 2022 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

(SEAL)

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CITY CLERK

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RAY JOY, SECRETARY

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MERLE VEIGEL, CHAIRMAN

***REGULAR MEETING OF THE FALLS CITY BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS***

August 18, 2022  
2307 Barada Street  
Falls City, Nebraska

A special meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Falls City, Nebraska, was held at the City Hall, 2307 Barada Street in said City on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 18, 2022, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. Present were: Board Members: None. Absent: Froeschl, Joy, Koopman, Veigel. Ray Luhring recorded the minutes of the meeting. Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by posting in three public places, a designated method for giving notice as shown by the Certificate of Posting Notice attached to these minutes. Notice of this meeting was given to the Board Chairman and all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgment of receipt of notice and the agenda is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice and in the notice to the Chairman and Board of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public. The Chairman publicly stated to all in attendance that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for review and indicated the location of such copy posted in the room where the meeting was being held.

*DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM, NO MEETING WAS HELD.*

I, the undersigned, City Clerk for the City of Falls City, Nebraska, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Chairman and Board on 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022; that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the City Clerk; that such agenda items were sufficiently descriptive to give the public reasonable notice of the matters to be considered at the meeting; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes from which the foregoing proceedings have been extracted were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting; and that a current copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available and accessible to members of the public, posted during such meeting in the room in which such meeting was held.

(SEAL)

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Anthony Nussbaum, City Clerk

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Ray Joy, Secretary

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Merle Veigel, Chairman

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## ***UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT REPORT***

To: Board of Public Works  
From: Ray Luhring  
Re: August Board Report

I continue to work with FEMA regarding some reimbursement of costs for the December 15,2021 windstorm that hit Falls City. Working on the WTP roof replacement, running of our generators at the power plant, and the replacement of several power poles around town and in the country. It is an amazing amount of documentation that FEMA requires.

Worked on completing the utility department fiscal year budget for electric, gas, water, and sewer. The draft utility budget was given to the City Administrator on August 8,2022 for his review and comments.

Got the utility rate increase ordinances to the City Council for their approval as recommend by the BOPW. There will be three readings of the ordinances before they take effect on October 1,2022.

Participated with Sandra Ferris and Anthony Nussbaum in interviewing candidates for the open receptionist position with the City. An offer was made and accepted and the chosen candidate will start their employment with the City on September 6,2022.

We performed the capability test on Unit #7 for NMPP, the temperature had to be at least 85 degrees and we had to run the unit at 5.2 Mw's for 2 hours. The unit ran fine with no issues and passed the necessary load and time requirements.

Sent the final pay application and other required documents to NDEE for our SRF loan associated with the solids clarifier (contraflo) at the WTP in Rulo.

Working with Miller & Associates on the easements and reimbursement agreement with BNSF railroad regarding the 20" water line relocation for the BNSF Preston railroad bridge project. We are in the process of finalizing all of the easements that the City will need to relocate the water line.

We received confirmation that Falls City was not selected to be funded through the BRIC grant for our electric distribution system upgrade project. I was disappointed as we put a lot of time and effort into our grant application. We will be in touch with Brad Slaughter to discuss our financing options which will include bonding, approved sales tax, and cash reserves to fund the necessary upgrades.

Our electric and one of our gas summer help employees finished their employment with the City.

Participated in round #3 of union negotiations we have made good progress with IBEW, however we are still a way apart with the CWA and IUOE unions as far as reaching an acceptable agreement. Reached an agreement with the IBEW on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Had a electric outage in the southwest portion of town caused by a contractor cutting down a tree that fell into our 3 phase line on west 14<sup>th</sup> street. We are sending the contractor an invoice for the repair work we did.

Started refunding commercial and industrial customers deposits if they qualify.

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***FMI CHANGE ORDER FOR ENGINE #5***

# FMI

## Farabee Mechanical Inc.

P.O. Box 1748 • Hickman, NE 68372  
Phone (402) 792-2612 • Fax (402) 792-2712

August 29, 2022

FMI Project Number: 28101521  
Change Order: 1002

City of Falls City  
2307 Barada Street  
Falls City, NE 68355

FMI is providing the following change order for your consideration. As you are aware, the engine block of Unit #5 was separated from the subbase. The crankshaft was removed and sent to be inspected and straightened.

While the block was off, Exline came to wire line the engine. It was determined that the engine block would have to be re-installed onto the subbase prior to any machine work on the subbase. FMI completed that work and Exline returned. It was at that point, that it was discovered that the extent of the damage to the subbase was worse than originally thought.

To properly line bore the engine, it is necessary to bore the main bearing saddles oversized. This will allow the bore to catch both sides of the subbase. It has been determined that the bore will need to be 0.030" oversized. This new bore size will require custom made bearings to maintain proper crankshaft alignment. Additionally, the front and rear faces of the #10 saddle (thrust saddle), must be machined to make them flat and parallel to the crankshaft again.

Once the crankshaft was freed from the restraints of the block, it was determined to be bent more significantly than originally thought. There are additional labor charges for the addition time required to properly straighten the shaft.

**Cost Summary:**

Additional Shaft Straightening Labor:	\$ 35,280.00
Additional Sub-base prep:	\$ 15,876.00
Oversize Main and Thrust Bearing Halves	\$ 66,828.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$117,984.00</b>

Exline will be on-site in the next several weeks to complete the line-boring. The oversized bearings are in production and will be completed in the next 2-3 weeks. The crankshaft is receiving it's final polishing and will be ready for transport soon.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this update/change order or if you need any additional information.

Respectfully,  
*Kevin L. DeValkenaere*  
Kevin L. DeValkenaere  
Systems Manager

## Change Order Acceptance

FMI Project Number: 28101521  
Change Order: 1002

August 29, 2022

Change Order Amount: \$117,984.00 (excludes any applicable taxes, etc.)

Change Order for the City of Falls City accepted by:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **FMI**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: FMI President Printed Name: Christopher D. Farabee

Date: August 29, 2022

*To be returned to:*  
Farabee Mechanical, Inc.  
PO Box 1748  
Hickman, NE 68372  
(402) 792-2612  
farabee@farabecmechanical.com





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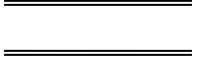
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