

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Public Utilities Commission was held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. at City Hall – Council Chambers.

Present: Commissioners Larson, Summerville, Martinson, Seliski, and Karlgaard

Absent:

Others Present: Director of Public Services Crocker, Finance Officer Isaac Jordahl, and City Administrator Sydney Wiertzema

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Larson made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Martinson and carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Karlgaard offered a motion to approve the minutes from Dec 2, 2024. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Karlgaard and carried unanimously.

Utility Management

Bills and Claims

Commissioner Karlgaard offered a motion to approve the following Bills and Claims. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Seliski and carried unanimously.

Bills & Claims List 12-16-24		
Utility		
Vendor Name	Payable Description	Total Payable
Blazer Express, Inc.	Fuel - Wtr	\$ 192.50
Border States Electric Su	Inventory - Elec	3,114.71
Colonial Enterprises, Inc.	Fixing Cold Storage Door - Elec	260.00
Comstock Construction	Water Repair Hwy 75	4,608.73
Core & Main	Touchreaders - Elec/Wtr	3,850.00
Dakota Supply Group	Meters - Elec	897.75
EconoFoods-Wahpeton	Distilled Water - Elec/Tree Lighting	77.21
Farm City Supply	Power Cords/Lights/Tree Lighting Supplies etc	1,751.37
Farmers Union Oil Co.	Fuel - Sewer/Elec/ Supplies	1,912.18
Gopher State One-Call	Locates	21.60
Great Plains Natural Gas	Nat Gas - Wtr Plant	149.35
KBMW	Electric Advertising	234.00
Missouri River Energy Se	MRES Bill	131,451.81
MN Dept. of Commerce	Elec Assessments - Q3	765.08
Nelson Auto Center	Repairs - 2007 Bucket Truck - Elec	14,184.73
OK Tire Store - Wahpeton	Tire Rotation	44.46
Postmaster-US Postal S	Postage Fee	350.00
Red River Communicatio	Phone Lines - Util	122.79
RMB Environmental Lab.	Lagoon Testing	130.63
Smith Motors, Inc.	Pulley - Elec	57.28
Stuart C. Irby Company	Inventory/Harness Repair - Elec	563.57
Summerville Electric, Inc	Tree Lighting - Work	2,552.21
Waste Mgmt Of WI-MN	Garbage PU	528.77
		\$ 167,820.73
601 Elec -	\$159,173.12	
602 Sewer -	\$847.20	
603 Water -	\$7,800.41	
Total -	\$167,820.73	

Crew Updates

Electric:

Public Services Director Crocker presented to the commissioners the Electric crew is working on meter reading currently, upon completion they will continue overhead maintenance. During this time, Neil and Brian are working on Load Management audits and putting together staking sheets for underground work. Commissioner Larson had a question on how controlling electricity for residents works, Crocker discussed this with Commissioner Larson after the meeting. Crocker also informed the commissioners that the small bucket truck is going back in to get work done at the end of the work, it should be covered under warranty.

Water:

Public Services Director Crocker presented to the commissioners that the Water crew is reading meters as well. There is an inspection coming up on Friday of the wastewater system. The monthly DMR report comes this week for testing and that puts a wrap on 2024 testing.

Daily News Sponsorship

Public Services Director Crocker presented to the commissioners a sponsorship opportunity with the Daily News. This was rejected by the commissioners immediately.

Sale of Lot Next to Water Plant Update

Public Services Director Crocker presented to the commissioners the market value of the vacant lot next to the water plant is \$33,800. Discussion was had on pricing. Public Services Director Crocker will talk with the prospective buyer about his/her construction plan and discuss the price with him/her further once this is known.

New Water/Wastewater Employee Update

Public Services Director Crocker announced to the commissioners that Ivan Crocker will be starting January 2nd.

Other

Commissioner Martinson presented to the commissioners his letter of resignation from the BPU Commission. Commissioner Karlgaard presented a motion to accept this letter of resignation, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Seliski and carried unanimously.

Public Services Director Crocker informed the commissioners last week there was a backup in a well. With the risk of backing up into resident homes, Public Services Director Crocker made a call and started pumping into the Red River, after roughly 73,000 gallons were pumped, it was figured out there was an old sump pump clogging the well pumps.

Commissioner Seliski presented to the commissioners some options for small bucket trucks that were gathered from a company called ABM. Discussion was had, no formal action taken at this time.

Commission Comments

None.

There being no further business Commissioner Martinson presented a motion to adjourn at 3:23pm, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Seliski and carried unanimously.