PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2026 at 6:10 PM

303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 6:10 p.m. by Secretary Mary Bender. Members present were Mary Bender and Jim Allaby. Absent was Kayla Thomas. Also present were Mayor Darryl Teske, City Administrator Daron Haugh, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, Deputy Clerk Carole Wolff, and Parks Superintendent Jordan Wilke.
2. **Minutes:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender, to approve the September 22, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
3. **State of the City of Mauston Urban Forest:** Parks Superintendent Wilke presented the Urban Forest Report, highlighting the benefits of urban trees, species diversity, and ongoing tree management. The City's May 2026 inventory identified 924 trees, with an estimated value of $2.6 million. Wilke noted that 53 dead trees have been identified for removal and 43 ash trees continue to receive treatment. Mauston has maintained Tree City USA recognition for 12 years. Future goals include pursuing grants for a tree canopy study to identify areas for additional planting. Members of the Tree Board were also in attendance.
4. **Pay App #21:** Nelson noted that the payment relates to Phase 1 of the Wastewater Treatment Facility. Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender, to recommend Council approval of Pay App #21, payable to Olympic Builders, in the amount of $55,317.00. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **Pay App #22:** Nelson reported that the project was approximately 7% under budget. Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender, to recommend Council approval of Pay App #22 payable to Olympic Builders, in the amount of $292,288.03. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **Change Order #4:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender to recommend Council approval of Change Order #4, for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade, increasing the contract amount by $57,084.19. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **Abandonment of Prospect Street, East of Lincoln, Installation of Utility Infrastructure, and Pavement:** Haugh explained that the proposed abandonment of an undeveloped portion of Prospect Street would facilitate a potential townhouse development representing an investment of up to $6 million. Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender, to recommend Council approval of the abandonment of Prospect Street, east of Lincoln. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. **Sale of City-Owned Parcel #292510265.1:** Haugh explained that the City-owned parcel, approximately 30 by 30 feet, would be conveyed to Slama Equipment to facilitate development of the adjoining property. Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender, to recommend Council approval of the sale of Parcel #292510265.1 to Slama Equipment for $1.00 by quitclaim deed. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Chair Date