

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

A Public Works Commission was held on **Wednesday, July 24, 2024 at 5:30 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Richard Yarrington

Call to Order - Roll Call

Quorum Present (YES)

John Glynn (A), Dean Peterson (P), Patrick Devine (A), Brian Rice (P), Kerwin Greeno (P), Mayor Paul Dwyer (A), Richard Yarrington (P).

Also present, Director Kirk Arity (P), Brandy Leis (P), Joe Kube (P), Jeff Marten (P), Nik Dorava, Town & Country Engineering (P).

Approve Minutes

Motion by Rice, seconded by Greeno, to approve minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing, to consider petitioning the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, for state and federal aid for improvements at Bloyer Field Airport.

A public hearing was opened at 5:34 PM on July 24, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, Tomah, WI. It was asked three times if anyone was interested in speaking during the public hearing. Nobody spoke in favor or opposition. Peterson asked where the funding was coming from, Arity stated that it would be funded 80% by state aid and 20% by the city. The public hearing was closed at 5:36 PM.

Discussion and recommendation to petition the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, for state and federal aid for Bloyer Field Airport.

Motion by Yarrington, seconded by Greeno, to petition the State of Wisconsin, Department of Transportation, for state and federal aid for Bloyer Field Airport. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

1. Airport Update

No update.

2. Approval of placement of storage trailer for collection of mattresses & set fees associated with collection.

No action was taken.

3. Approval of agreement for 823 W. Veterans St

Motion by Rice, seconded by Greeno to approve agreement. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Sale approval for automated refuse truck to Village of Warrens

Motion by Greeno, seconded by Rice. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Paving Project for Vandervort Street

No action was taken.

6. Approval for Simplified Rate Increase for 2025

Motion by Rice, seconded by Yarrington. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Project Updates

Going well, rock going in.

Minutes will be approved at

PWC meeting.

Payment request – motion by Greeno, seconded by Yarrington to pay Gerke Excavating as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Building Code/Violation Report

Yarrington asked to have a garage on Kilbourn Ave. (behind Family Dollar) checked.

9. Payment of Monthly Water & Sewer Bills

a. Sewer – Motion by Peterson, seconded by Greeno, to approve sewer bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Water – Motion by Greeno, seconded by Peterson, to approve water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Greeno, to have Yarrington sign all necessary documents as acting chair. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Departmental Reports

Sewer – clarifier project is done, now working on ferm tank. Bad wires in conduit, Jackson Repair will fix. The Public Works Department has hauled 36 loads of sludge out of the plant.

Water – Pumping 1.5 million gallons per day. Seven properties left on the lead service list. Exercising main valves. Radiation back up generation down. Had a leak at 231 W. Nott St.

Public Works – all work is completed by Fahrner. May St. project complete. Catching up on mowing and doing asphalt patches for the utilities.

11. Director's Report

Reached out to two residents – 209 Benton St. – needs to install sidewalk and to 417 Fair St. – needs to connect to the city sewer system.

12. Future Meeting Date: August 28, 2024

Adjourn

Motion by Greeno, seconded by Rice to adjourn at 6:18 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes written and submitted by Samantha Linehan