

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

A Public Works Commission was held on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026 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 John Glynn

Call to Order - Roll Call

Quorum Present (YES)

John Glynn (P), Dean Peterson (P), Patrick Devine (P), Brian Rice (P), Kerwin Greeno (P), Mayor Paul Dwyer (P), Mitch Koel (A)

Also Present, Director Brandy Leis, Jeff Marten, Joe Kube, Chad Richmond, City Administrator Nick Morales, City Attorney Penny Precour and Brian Berquist from Town & Country.

Approve Minutes

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Dwyer to approve December minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion Items

1. Airport Update

WI DOT Bureau of Aeronautics provided a map of what they would like cleared. West end of Runway 07 is completed. Still working on clearing Runway 25 on the East end. Currently working on the northside of railroad, clearing a 300' by 250' area.

2. Approval: Polymer System

Existing polymer system is 26 years old and needs to be replaced. Several quotes were received and reviewed.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Greeno to approve the Velodyne polymer system. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action: Release of easement rights and reducing driveway entrance at 500 N Superior

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Dwyer to retain the easement as is. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Greeno to reduce the driveway entrance from 45' to 28'. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approval: Sewer Utility Advancement to TID 8 Forgiveness

City Administrator Nick Morales spoke at great length about the history of the advancement and the impact this advancement has on the General Fund budget. City Treasurer Justin Derhammer, City Attorney Penny Precour and Brian Berquist from Town & Country were in attendance to answer any questions.

Motion by Dwyer and seconded by Greeno to endorse and recommend to the Common Council to forgive the TID 8 Advancement. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Project Updates

Brian Berquist from Town & Country spoke about the Public Information Meeting that was held for the Hollister project. Town & Country is working with DOT on the N Glendale Ave plan review.

6. Payment of Monthly Water & Sewer Bills

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Greeno to approve sewer bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Dwyer to approve water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Departmental Reports

Sewer – Last month sewer averaged 1 MGD. Been working on servicing our equipment and vehicles, while also doing some winter cleaning of the buildings. Working closely with Jeff Marten and Joe Kube on getting an online auction listing put together for all departments. The oxidation ditch motor has been having some mechanical issues. Modern Crane and Sabel Mechanical came to change out the 75 HP motor. Gray electric finished up wiring the generator plug on the Lincoln Lift station so we can plug into the Street Departments trailer generator.

Water – January average daily pumpage is 793,000 gallons per day. Frost was checked today and was deepest at 31 inches. Replaced two chemical pumps, working on year end inventory and collecting data for the annual PSC report.

Public Works – Staying busy with locates for the underground boring and tree trimming. Spray foaming the exterior walls of Mechanics Building. 325 tons of salt has been used this winter. New salt truck is in final phase at Universal Truck and should be delivered in February.

Director's Report – Working closely with DNR on Well #14 on doing some groundwater modeling. Continuing to work with landowners near Well #14. Bids for the lift station abandonment on Townline Rd and the water main will be sent out in the near future.

8. Set Next Meeting Date

February 25, 2026

Adjourn

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Dwyer to adjourn at 6:12 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.