

# MINUTES FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

A Public Works Commission was held on **Wednesday, July 23, 2025 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 Dean Peterson**

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## **Call to Order - Roll Call**

Quorum Present (YES)

John Glynn (A), Dean Peterson (Y), Patrick Devine (A), Brian Rice, (Y), Kerwin Greeno (Y), Mayor Paul Dwyer (A), Mitch Koel (Y – via Zoom)

Also preset, Interim Director Brandy Leis, Joe Kube, Jeff Marten, Nick Morales, Nik Dorava, and Brian Berquist.

## **Approve Minutes**

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

## **Discussion Items**

1. Airport Update  
Fuel has been brought in; cost per gallon went down from \$5.70 to \$5.42. Mowing is in progress with all the rain we have had. Crack/seal coating on the tarmac will need to be reviewed.
2. Approval of Alley Closure  
Motion by Greeno, seconded by Rice to approve the alley closure for a special event held in the alley between Kelsey's and the Elbow Room on August 9, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Approval No Parking Area on Straw St  
Motion by Koel and seconded by Rice to approve the No Parking area on Straw St. and the installation of the Parent Drop Off sign. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Approval of Memorial Bench Sidewalk Installment - Tomah Area Historical Museum  
Discussion on installing/permanently fixating a Memorial Bench on the sidewalk at the Tomah Area Historical Museum. All discussions on placement, liability, and maintenance were considered.  
Motion by Rice and seconded by Greeno to deny the Memorial Bench installation/permanently fixated to the sidewalk. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discussion: Procedure and Criteria for Vacating Public Right of Way  
This item was discussed at the Planning Commission meeting and is being brought to Public Works Commission meeting as a discussion item. Vacating public right of way could result in legal implications.

6. Project Updates

Minutes will be approved at PWC meeting.

Nik from Town & Country presented project updates. Preconstruction meeting with Gerke's on Lake Forebay, Kilbourn, King and Foster. Helped Parks & Rec get a \$362,000 grant to add onto the walking Trail.

7. Payment of Monthly Water & Sewer Bills

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

Motion by Rice and seconded by Greeno to approve the water bill as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Departmental Reports

Sewer – New Fern tank scum trough has been installed. The Jet Vac is complete and has been brought back. The truck from Marshfield has been brought back and will be selling box off of it. August flow is 1.67. Wet testing is being done this week.

Water- pumping an average of 1.4 gallons per day. VA has communicated that they are hoping to have their 3 private wells fired up in August. CTW pulled the pump on Well 14. They televised it on July 8, and are waiting for the results. Met with the landowner and the farmer on the possibility of either selling the land or farming hay instead of corn/beans. Exercising valves and testing large meters. No main breaks or leaks.

Public Works – Sold garbage truck on Wisconsin Surplus for \$119,000. Completed 100 block of W Council. Started 300 block of E Nott St. Fahrner is sealcoating this week on various streets in town. Continuing mowing operations, street painting and work at the Fairgrounds in preparation for the Monroe County Fair.

9. Director's Report

Working on budget numbers and projections. The library has some water damage that we are looking further into. The generator at City Hall may need a new heater. Buchner has been working on figuring out the issue of heating/cooling on the Water/Sewer side of City Hall.

10 The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2025, at 5:30 PM

**Adjourn**

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