

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

A Public Works Commission was held on **Wednesday, February 28, 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 Kirk Arity.

Call to Order - Roll Call

Quorum Present (YES)

John Glynn (A), Dean Peterson (P), Lamont Kiefer (A), Brian Rice (P), Kerwin Greeno (P), Mayor Mike Murray (P), Nicole Hart (P).

Also present, Director Kirk Arity (P), Brandy Leis (P), Shane Rolff (P), Joe Kube (P), Jeff Marten (P), and Brian Berquist (P).

Approve Minutes

January 2024 Minutes - Motion 1st by Greeno, 2nd by Murray. All ayes. Motioned carried.

Discussion Items

1. Payment of Monthly Water & Sewer Bills

a. Sewer- 1st by Peterson, 2nd Murray by to approve water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

b. Water-1st by Peterson, 2nd by Greeno to approve water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

2. Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Levy Special Assessments

Brian Berquist from Town & Country gave an overview of the special assessments.

1st by Murray, 2nd by Peterson to approve the preliminary resolution. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Acceptance of 2024 Sidewalk/Curb & Gutter Contract Extension

Wolf Concrete & Construction contract extension would increase an average of 6%.

1st by Peterson, 2nd by Murray to approve the contract extension. All ayes. Motion carried.

4. Approval of the Proposal for the Painting of the Old DNR Building

Metal building north of the Chambers.

1st by Murray, 2nd by Peterson to approve the proposal. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Award of Painting Project for WWTF

1st by Murray, 2nd by Peterson to award the painting project to Badger Specialty Coating. All ayes. Motion carried.

6. Purchase Approval of Bobcat UW56

This would be for WWTF and intent is to consolidate equipment by buying attachments. This item was not included in the budget as the need came up after budget was approved.

1st by Murray, 2nd by Peterson to approve the purchase of the Bobcat from Coulee Region. All ayes. Motion carried.

7. Approval of Expenditure for Drainage Improvements on Plastic Ave

The area floods during storms. With severe storms flooding has reached Keene's Transfer doors.

1st by Murray, 2nd by Peterson to approve the expense. All ayes. Motion carried.

8. Airport Update

Steve Austin provided a short update. Concerns of wildlife on East end. Suggestion of using an air horn to disperse birds and other animals.

9. Project Updates

Brian Berquist from Town & Country provided an update on Veterans Street project. Gerke's had lowest bid. City and county received a grant for \$1 Million. \$2 million dollar project for the city and county will pay \$600,000 for the project. Project will start at Superior and go west.

10. Building Code/Violation Report

Reviewed by commission. Rolff gave a report on downtown structure fire.

11. Departmental Reports

- a. Sewer- Brandy reports that they are finishing up city hall guardrail project. Facility update on UV systems and grit screen. Jet vac working on storm sewers close to the fire to clean out debris. Passed annual lab testing.
- b. Water- Jeff stated the water pipe inventory is down to 185 properties. They are knocking on doors trying to get responses from the properties that are left. Getting roofing quotes on several water dept buildings. Nearly 1 million gallons of water used to fight downtown fire. Andrew is in his 30 trial with the water department. There has been no breaks or leaks.
- c. Public Works- Joe stated that staff has painted the street shop and has installed a metal ceiling in the shop. It has brightened the shop. Waiting on asbestos abatement prior to epoxying the break room floor. They are working on cutting trees. Mark has been rebuilding the mechanical arms on the garbage trucks.

12. Director's Report

Kirk Arity is working with staff on audit. Street projects and assessments. Guide wires on city hall antennas were fixed. Removed tree from condos per request. Staying busy with projects.

13. Future Meeting Date: March 20, 2024

Meeting will be a week earlier as most staff will be attending training the last week of the month.

Adjourn 1st by Peterson, 2nd by Rice at 6:14 PM. All ayes. Motion approved.

Minutes written and submitted by Casey Kinnear