

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

A Public Works Commission was held on **Wednesday, July 15, 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 Paul Dwyer at 5:30 PM

Call to Order - Roll Call

Quorum Present (YES)

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

Also Present, Director Brandy Leis, Joe Kube, Jeff Marten, and Nik Dorava from Town & Country.

Approve Minutes

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

Discussion Items

1. Airport Update
John Glynn gave an update on the airport. The airport is busy and looking great.
2. Approval: Steve Austin – Airport Update
Motion by Koel and seconded by Peterson to approve bring back the airport update by Steve Austin. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discussion & Potential Action: Street Privilege Reimbursement
Motion by Koel and seconded by Rice to not reimburse the street privilege fee if the event has been cancelled due to weather. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Discussion & Potential Action: STH 16 Pavement Project
Motion by Peterson and seconded by Glenn to move forward with this project. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Approval: Simplified Rate Increase for 2027
Motion by Koel and seconded by Peterson to approve the simplified rate increase for 2027. All ayes. Motion carried.
6. Discussion & Potential Action: Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR)
Motion by Peterson and seconded by Koel for the city to pay for the galvanized replacement. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Discussion & Potential Action: Pay Request Hollister #4
Motion by Peterson and seconded by Rice to approve the Hollister Pay request #4. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hollister project is moving along nicely and quickly. Have a few more water tie ins to do yet and quite a few storm sewers to finish.
8. Project Updates
Glendale – curb ramps are in and some touch ups need to be done. Pool Path Project is still moving forward. Superior Water Main loop is scheduled to begin in August. Townline Lift Station is scheduled for the winter of 2026. Meet with Monroe County and the VA on the Hwy ET project. Provided an update on the meeting with the railroad on the crossing on Noth St.

9. Payment of Monthly Water & Sewer Bills

Sewer- Motion by Peterson and seconded by Glynn to approve the sewer bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Water – Motion by Peterson and seconded by Glynn to approve the water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

10. Departmental Reports

Sewer – Monthly average flow of 1.2MGD. Continuing with the annual flushing and sewer jetting maintenance. Lime Silos are being sand blasted and painted and looking great. The company that is doing this work has worked through the heat and plans to be finished by the end of this week. A blower went out on one of the aeration tanks which we were able to fix in house, but we had to order a new one. That bill will be coming next month. Continued maintenance and mowing is being conducted around the plant.

Water – daily average pumpage for July is 923,000 gallons per day. Due to the heat, the VA is using more water. Water Dept. conducted lead and copper samples. Results came back and look great, lead is well under the range and there was one copper sample that tested over. Employees are out weed trimming around the hydrants. Roof has been replaced on Wells #11 & #12. No main breaks or leaks.

Public Works – Finishing up on the street painting. Seal coating started this week and is on schedule. Garbage truck is needing repairs and currently in the shop. Mattress pick up is going really well, a list will go to Code Enforcement who follows up with the resident. Public Works has not had to pick up mattresses recently and the city is staying clean by not having them lay out on the streets.

11. Director's Report –

Public Works Department applied for the Andres Grant and received \$2,000 that will go towards the purchase of new flags for downtown. Director Leis gave an update on utilities expenditures for the first half of the year. Expenses are running where they should at 50% with a couple of exceptions such as fuel.

12. Next Meeting will be held on August 26, 2026 @ 5:30PM

Adjourn

Motion by Peterson and seconded by Koel to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 PM. All ayes. Motion carried.