

MINUTES FOR PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

A Public Works Commission was held on **Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 5:30 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30PM by Kiefer

Call to Order - Roll Call

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

Also present, Director Kirk Arity (P), Brandy Leis (P), Shane Rolff (A), Joe Kube (P), Mark Rezin (P), and Brian Berquist (P).

Approve Minutes

August 2023 minutes 1st by DP, 2nd by JG. All ayes. Motion approved.

Discussion Items

1) Airport Update

Steve Austin was present. Stated no updates, everything is going well. Arity stated there was an inspection on the runway and are waiting on report from inspection.

2) Equipment Installation Bid Award

Berquist stated Sabel is a very good company, and their bid is within range of the city's estimate.

Motion 1st by DP, 2nd by KG to approve Sabel's bid. All ayes. Motion carried.

3) Don & Gwen Nelson Reimbursement Claim

The Nelson's did not bring the issue to the city's attention prior to hiring Gerke's.

Motion 1st by DP, 2nd by JG to deny the reimbursement claim. All ayes. Motion carried.

4) Project Updates

Berquist presents 2022 streets utility bill for work on the ballfield. Motion 1st by DP, 2nd by BR to pay \$82,392.32 bill for the ballfield. All ayes. Motion carried.

Berquist reviewed W. Veterans project designs. Meeting with utility companies to have them move the utilities. Also meeting with effected residents. DOT is wrapping up their portions. Sidewalks and curb/gutter going in and will be assessed to residents. Will have assessments next meeting. N. Glendale project is at DOT and study phase.

5) Building Code/Violation Report

Reviewed by commission. Overview of long-term violations were giving by code enforcement. Two violations that lasted over a year have been marked as compliant and cases were closed.

Arity requested Monroe County to update their curb alert section on their website to add check with local ordinance for regulations. Monroe County has updated the website.

6) Payment of Monthly Water & Sewer Bills

a) Sewer- 1st by JG, 2nd by DP to approve water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion approved.

b) Water-1st by JG, 2nd by DP to approve water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion approved.

7) Departmental Reports

- a) Sewer- Passed minnow test. Garage painting is in progress. Flushing sewers. Recent rain hasn't affected drains.
- b) Water- New ½ ton truck arrived. Hydrant repair and maintenance is done. Flushing starts next week. Round 2 EPA-PFAS testing was done last week. Resident water pipe inventory has been going well & making good head way. Tomah Water Dept received a service excellent award from WI AWA.
- c) Public Works- Completed mowing, leaf vac maintenance being done. Finishing Rec Park improvements. Dog park concrete/black top project completed. Repaired storm sewer collapse on Superior and W. Holton.

8) Director's Report

The focus has been on the budget and increases for utilities. A 3-hour planning session with department heads was held for future projects. The Boy Scout cabin project is starting. A new garbage truck is still on track for 2024 delivery.

9) Future Meeting Date:10/25/2023

Adjourn 1st by DP, 2nd by JG at 6:10 PM. All ayes. Motion approved.