



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 03, 2024 at 5:00 PM

Committee Room - City Hall, 3rd Floor 1717
E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 5:00 pm

2. **ROLL CALL**

Committee Members: Tim Petri, Darla LeClair, Shannon Derby

Staff & Others: Matthew Heckenlaible, Scott Ahl, Dave Casebeer, Brian Dellemann, Andrew Sukowaty

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes from the August 5, 2024, Public Utilities Committee meeting

Darla LeClair made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2024, Public Utilities Committee meeting, seconded by Shannon Derby. Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** – N/A

5. **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

A. **Roosevelt Avenue Reconstruction Update**

- Finished underground utility work in early August
- Completed grading and graveling August 21st
- Placed mainline concrete August 26th
- Will be preparing curb lanes and parking lanes the week of September 2nd
- Anticipating placing curb lanes and parking lanes the first part of the week of September 9th
- Residents can take garbage and recyclables to the nearest intersection for the next few weeks to have garbage collected

B. **LSL Contracts**

Awaiting the scheduling of the preconstruction meeting to kick off the project.

C. **Sandy Bay Highland Phase 3 Construction**

- Receiving preconstruction submittals
- Arranging the preconstruction meeting
- Anticipating construction to begin in 2 weeks.

6. **WASTEWATER UTILITY: UPDATES AND ACTION**

A. WPDES Permit Action Items Update

1. New permit progress:
 - a. PFAS
 1. Have done some recent testing with results 130 for PFOA
 2. There may be a numeric limit in the future of possibly 20; nothing set yet
 - b. Mercury Program
 1. Limit of 1.3; have been making the limit in the past
 - c. Sludge management
 1. Have been making a lot of sludge lately
 2. High BOD loadings
 3. 1 pound of BOD = ½ pound of sludge
 4. Believe the source of the significant BOD loadings are from Riverside Foods
 - d. CMOM Update
 1. Been working on revising/updating the CMOM
 2. Permit states that we have to submit an updated CMOM by the end of October 2024.
2. Overall business as usual and preparing for the winter season

B. Riverside Foods Update

Construction began on September 3rd and expected to last a few weeks.

7. ELECTRIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES: DIRECTOR UPDATES AND ACTION IF APPLICABLE

A. Public Power Week - October 6th-12th, 2024

1. Activities are being planned to work with the elementary school.

We used to reach out to customers, but now we are switching to reaching out to students in the hopes that they will go home and tell their parents what they have learned about electricity. Have a large 4' x 10' coloring poster along with other coloring pages. Will also be doing a food drive with the winners receiving gift cards.

B. Columbus substation unit #1 yearly maintenance

Maintenance is scheduled for September 5th when Unit #1 will be taken off line, inspected and tested.

C. Annual Electric Department equipment inspection

Utility Sales & Service completed their inspection of equipment/boom trucks. There were a few minor items to address; nothing major.

8. WATER UTILITY: DIRECTOR UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND ACTION AS NEEDED

A. Tower renovation update

1. As part of a 30-year agreement that the Water Utility has with USG Water Solutions, they will pay an annual fee to cover inspections, paint, maintenance, etc.
2. The annual fee does not change from one year to the next and payment and expenses should equal out over the life of the agreement.
3. The east water tower roof attachment concerns are temporarily addressed; a permanent fix has not yet been implemented.
4. USG have pushed the painting and pump repairs for the south water tower to the future even though staff believes the work is necessary and would be beneficial to be completed sooner rather than later.
5. USG is stating that the thickness of the existing paint on the south water tower does not meet minimum thickness requirements and are hesitant to address the pump concerns.
6. The Water Utility feels that they have little control or input regarding the tower maintenance programs.
7. The Water Utility has fading confidence in USG and would like to terminate the agreement.
8. There is a 90-day out clause within the agreement but that needs to be submitted 90 days prior to December 14.
9. By terminating the agreement, it would place the control back into the Water Utility's hands to coordinate necessary inspections, maintenance and repairs.
10. The Water Utility would propose to place a similar dollar amount into a fund on an annual basis to address the fluctuating expenses.

Tim Petri made a motion of nonconfidence and authorized the issuance of a letter to terminate the agreement between the Two Rivers Water Utility and USG Water Solutions, seconded by Darla LeClair. Motion carried.

B. Lead and copper sampling/results update

Testing has been completed. Have received 57 of the 60 test results with three failings; therefore, even if the last three tests fail, the City will still pass this round of testing. There are still questions pertaining to the 5th liter samples that will be required in the future. There is concern that the failed tests were a result of warmer than normal water and lack of chlorine residual within the water mains. The Water Utility still needs to optimize the new chemical for lead and copper that the WDNR required to be implemented.

C. LCRR compliance update

Have to complete the lead/galvanized inventory by the middle of October. Properties that have lead, galvanized or unknown materials will receive a brochure advising them of the results.

D. DNR staffing changes

Wendy Anderson, long time WDNR Water Utility representative, has retired. At this time, it is unclear who the next WDNR representative will be.

E. Generator quote

The generator is still damaged and there was discussion about possibly submitting it to insurance as a claim. The generator repair consultant did not think that it would qualify for a claim due to the age and many repairs are normal failure of parts. The current generator is a 500 KW unit but only need approximately 350 KW for plant operation. A new generator would exceed the cost of proposed repair with upgraded replacement parts. It is anticipated that the cost of repairs will be around \$130,000 and it will take 8-9 months to complete. Budget repair costs in the 2025 annual budget.

There was concurrence from the Committee to order the parts now and budget for the repairs within the 2025 annual Water Utility budget.

9. STORM WATER UTILITY: UPDATES AND ACTION, AS NEEDED

A. Urban Storm Water Grant Update

The consultant has been dealing with a lot of construction projects over the past month and stated they would be jumping back to our updates early in September.

B. Sweeper update

The new sweeper will arrive on September 4th and Public Works staff will be trained over the next couple of days on this new piece of equipment.

10. SOLID WASTE UTILITY: UPDATES AND ACTION, AS NEEDED

A. Landfill

Need to get a contractor to install the proposed effluent underdrain system to address the ongoing seep.

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS OR ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, WITH DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Tim Petri inquired as to the status of the Frontier/Electric Utility Pole Attachment Agreement. The response provided by Brian Dellemann was that it is in the hands of each party's attorneys.

12. SET DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Proposed for Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5 pm prior to Council meeting

13. ADJOURNMENT: 5:43 pm

Darla LeClair made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shannon Derby. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Matthew R. Heckenlaible
Public Works Director/City Engineer