



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. **ROLL CALL** – Committee Members: Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jay Remiker (absent)
Staff & Others: Greg Buckley (City Manager), Jim Mc Donald (Public Works Director), Scott Ahl (Civil Engineer II), Dave Casebeer (Wastewater Utility), Ross Blaha (Water Utility), Andrew Sukowaty (Water Utility), Brian Delleman (Electric Utility)

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Public Utilities Minutes 2022.03.01 - Motion was made by Bonnie Shimulunas, seconded by, Bill LeClair, to approve the minutes with corrections. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. UPDATES ON CWF AND SDWLP PROJECTS FOR 2022

- 17th Street** – information meeting set for April 14th; staff will meet with several residents on East end of project to discuss encroachments into the street right of way, and how the encroachments will be handled. Some encroachments will need to be relocated off of the street right of way. Other encroachments will be provided a revocable occupancy permit
- WWTP Screw Press** – need to determine if this project will proceed
- Service Laterals (Public and Private)** – contract locations need to be determined; may be affected by application to DOT for roadway improvement grant
- Pine Tree Lift Station** – start up scheduled for Wed, April 6th
- Columbus St lift station** – control panel replacement; contractor schedule to be determined.
- 20th Street (Eggers) Storm Pond** – contractor plans on starting storm pipe construction mid-April; work will include installation of storm pipe on Washington St, N of 21st St, which would serve potential development at SW 22nd Street and Washington Street.

6. WASTEWATER UTILITY:

- Conceptual budget provided for utility rate increases of 4%/ year. Sewer utility rates have not increased since 1/1/2020. Current projection is rates will need to be adjusted to proceed with DNR funding which applies 30% principal forgiveness to sewer projects, such as 17th Street construction, lateral replacement, and the WWTP screw press replacement.
- other adjustments being considered include delay sewer lining until 2023; split cost of vac truck with storm utility - \$39k
- potential raise fixed rate from \$15 to \$18; otherwise, can look at reducing or eliminating, sewer averaging or reduction of property tax equivalent

7. ELECTRIC UTILITIES:

- WPPI 2021 comparison of electric rates to other larger utilities, such as WE Energy, WPS, Alliant...
- Utility rates --- Two Rivers provided lowest residential rate than the Investor-Owned Utilities
- compared large industry, in which Two Rivers utilities provides comparable/favorable rates
- Utility purchased new wire strings brake trailer
- Utility disconnect moratorium ends April 15; utility will start handing out notices April 18th; Staff noted \$440,000 of accounts in arrears, as of earlier in the week (noted some accounts are being paid off)

- Supplies – meters are 16-20 weeks out; order of 10 transformers (9 months ago) are 30-80 weeks out
- Replacement of 2007 digger truck – would replace 1992 back up; quotes for new truck are coming in around \$300k (budget was \$180k); would not be delivered until 2023 or 2024.

8. WATER UTILITY:

- contractor for service lateral contract does not have parts yet; will utilize utility owned parts and return for and emergency service replacement.
- still waiting for parts for pilot corrosion control program; was ordered 4 months ago; possibly August before parts are delivered.
- Staffing: hiring 2 operators, 1 with 20 yrs. water experience, and other from DPW; expect to start April 18th and May 3rd.

9. STORM WATER UTILITY:

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS:

11. SET DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

Next Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 6:00 pm, with potential additional meeting before.

12. ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Bonnie Shimulunas, seconded by Bill LeClair, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm