

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met on the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Brad Blanke, Dan Bartz, Myron Moldenhauer, and Tony Arnett; Citizen member Pete Thompson. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Pete Hartz.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** John Kaliebe spoke regarding Lake Victoria and working with the residents around it to resolve concerns previously raised about it.
3. **Review & approve minutes dated May 27th.** Mr. Bartz moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Mr. Thompson noted a correction that he was not present at that meeting. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and take possible action: S. Fifth Street Right-of-Way Improvements.** (This item was moved up in the agenda.) Staff recommended that due to urgent timing of the project, the City should step in to administer this project. This will not require additional expenditure on the part of the City. Mr. Blanke moved to have the City take project administration lead, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Review and take possible action: Approve new water rates as recommended by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) referenced in rate case docket 6230-WR-110; a final overall rate change of 15.28% over current rates.** Mr. Arnett explained this rate increase was put in motion last year. The last rate increase for Water was in 2017. Mr. Bartz and Mr. Blanke both questioned the significant increase in the Public Fire Protection charge portion of the rate. Mr. Hartz explained this was due to internal accounting changes that shifted some costs to that area, but that even if they were moved to another area, the total recommended rate increase would stay the same. Mr. Blanke asked if there was a way to spread this increase out over time so it didn't hit residents all at once. Mr. Hartz explained there may be an impact on the lead line replacement financing if the rate change was spread out over time. Mr. Blanke moved to layover this matter until July 8th, giving staff time to contact the state about potential impacts if we were spread out the increase over 2 years. Mr. Moldenhauer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Review and take possible action: Sidewalk repair order for 620 Park Street.** Mr. Thompson moved to send the notice for 620 Park Street, seconded by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Review and take possible action: Approve additional work for Applied Technologies to update the Wastewater Facilities Plan with the most recent Department of Administration population numbers for \$35,000.** An update to the previously prepared plan is required because of adjusted population estimates released by the State Department of Administration. Mr. Blanke moved to recommend the contract to Council, seconded by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
8. **Review and take possible action: Award S. Church Street Shared-use Path TAP Grant Design Project to Batterman for \$228,039.00 Design for shared-use path between Jefferson Road & Air Park Drive.** The City has been applying since 2016 for a TAP grant for a pedestrian path running from Kwik Trip on S. Church St. to Air Park Drive (Walmart.) The grant was finally awarded and will cover 80% of the construction cost. The City is responsible for the other 20% and the design costs. This design contract item is in the budget and under the budgeted amount. Mr. Blanke noted the total projected

construction cost of \$1.5 million is a lot of money, but this project is very necessary because of the existing foot/bike traffic currently using the S. Church St. berm to cover the same route. Mr. Arnett noted that applying TID 4 (Walmart area) close-out funds toward this project would make a lot of sense since the project is needed because of the activity created by TID 4. Mr. Blanke moved to recommend the contract to Council, seconded by Mr. Arnett. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

9. **Update, no action needed: E-Waste Recycling Program.** The Commission received an update on the E-Waste program noting a change in vendor for some electronics that result in no resident fees for recycling some electronics, most notably TVs.
10. **Review and take possible action: hire Strand Associates to prepare engineering plan and profile specifications to bid the project in early 2026 for \$360,000.** This is for the Allerman lift station replacement. Mr. Thompson moved to recommend the contract to Council, seconded by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
11. **Adjournment.** Mr. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. Blanke. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson